

# Calvin's Prayers

THE PRAYER WHICH JOHN CALVIN WAS WONT TO USE AT THE BEGINNING OF HIS LECTURES:

MAY the Lord grant that we may engage in contemplating the mysteries of his heavenly wisdom with increasing devotion, to his glory and to our edification. Amen.

## Jeremiah

Lecture 1 (Jeremiah 1.1-7)

Grant, Almighty God, as you not only provided for your ancient Church by choosing JEREMIAH as your servant, and have also designed that the fruit of his labours should continue to our age: O grant that we may not be unthankful to you, but that we may so avail ourselves of so great a benefit that the fruit of it may appear in us to the glory of your name; may we learn to devote ourselves entirely to your service, and may each of us be so attentive to the work of his calling that we may strive, with united hearts, to promote the honour of your name, and also the kingdom of your only-begotten Son, until we finish our warfare and come, at length, into that celestial rest which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only Son. Amen.

Lecture 2 (Jeremiah 1.8-12)

Grant, Almighty God, since you are pleased with kindness to invite us to yourself, and have consecrated your word for our salvation: O grant that we may willingly, and from the heart, obey you and become so teachable that what you have designed for our salvation may not turn to our perdition; may that incorruptible seed, by which you regenerate us into a hope of the celestial life, so drive its roots into our hearts and bring forth fruit that your name may be glorified; and may we be so planted in the courts of your house that we may grow and flourish, and that fruit may appear through the whole course of

our life until we shall, at length, enjoy that blessed life which is laid up for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 3 (Jeremiah 1.13-17)

Grant, Almighty God, as you were pleased to fortify your servant Jeremiah with the invincible power of your Spirit: O grant that his doctrine may at this time make us humble that we may learn willingly to submit to you and so receive, and even cordially accept, what you offer to us by your servant: sustain us by your hand and, relying on your power and protection, may we fight against the world and against Satan while each of us, in his vocation, so rests on your power that we do not hesitate, whenever necessary, to expose our very life to danger; and may we manfully fight and persevere in our warfare to the end until, having finished our course, we shall at length come to that blessed rest which is reserved for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 4 (Jeremiah 1.18 - 2.5)

Grant, Almighty God, as you continue to this day, both morning and evening, to invite us to yourself, and assiduously exhort us to repent, and testify that you are ready to be reconciled to us, provided we flee to your mercy: O grant that we may not close our ears and reject this your great kindness but, remembering your gratuitous election, the chief of all the favours you have been pleased to show us, may strive so to devote ourselves to you that your name may be glorified through our whole life; and, should it be that we at any time turn aside from you, may we quickly return to the right way, and become submissive to your holy admonitions, that it may appear that we have been so chosen by you and called to continue in the hope of that salvation to which you invite us, and which is prepared for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 5 (Jeremiah 2.6-11)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have so clearly made yourself known to us, not only by your law and prophets but also by your only-begotten Son, that the

knowledge of your truth ought to have already struck deep roots in us: O grant that we may continue firm and constant in our holy vocation, make continual progress in it, and ever hasten forward to the goal; humble us under your mighty hand that we may know we are paternally chastised by you; and may we so profit under your discipline until, being purified from all our vices, we shall come to enjoy that immortal life which has been made known to us by Christ, and in which we shall fully rejoice in you. Amen.

#### Lecture 6 (Jeremiah 2.12-19)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have hitherto shown to us so many favours since the time you have been pleased to adopt us as your people: O grant that we may not forget so great a kindness, nor be led away by the allurements of Satan, nor seek for ourselves inventions which may at length turn to our ruin; but that we may continue fixed in our obedience to you, daily call on you and drink of the fullness of your bounty and, at the same time, strive to serve you from the heart and to glorify your name, and thus prove we are wholly devoted to you, according to the great obligations under which you have laid us when it pleased you to adopt us in your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 7 (Jeremiah 2.20-24)

Grant, Almighty God, as it pleased you, when you delivered us from the tyranny of Satan, to lay on our necks your yoke: O grant that we may be influenced by the spirit of docility, obedience and meekness, and willingly submit ourselves to you through the whole course of our life, that you may gather from us the fruit of your redemption; and may we so renounce sin that we may devote ourselves to your service, and become the servants of righteousness until, having finished the course of our warfare, we shall be gathered into that blessed rest which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 8 (Jeremiah 2.25-30)

Grant, Almighty God, since in your paternal kindness you invite us daily to yourself, that we may not harden ourselves against your holy and salutary admonitions; and, whenever you chastise us with scourges, may we not become obdurate against you, but learn humbly to submit to your word and receive your chastisement, and so profit by both that we may not be exposed to the extreme judgment which you denounce on the obstinate; but, on the contrary, may we open a way for your paternal goodness that you may deal with us with kindness until you receive us into that blessed rest which has been prepared for us in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 9 (Jeremiah 2.31-35)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are loaded with so many vices and provoke you so often, yes, daily and in innumerable ways: O grant that we may not become hardened against your godly admonitions, but be teachable and submissive, and in time repent, lest our wantonness and hardness should constrain you to put forth your powerful hand against us; but, as we have hitherto experienced your paternal kindness, may we in future be made partakers of it, and thus become more and more accustomed to bear your yoke until, having at length completed our warfare, we shall come to that blessed rest which has been provided for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 10 (Jeremiah 2.36 - 3.3)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have been pleased not only to adopt us as your children, but also to unite us to yourself by the bond of kindness, and to give us a pledge of this sacred union in your only-begotten Son: O grant that we may continue in the faith of your gospel and honestly keep the pledge given to you, that you may show yourself to us as a Husband and as a Father, and that to the end we may find in you that merciful kindness which is needful to retain us in the holy fear of your name, until we shall enjoy fellowship with you in your celestial and eternal kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 11 (Jeremiah 3.4-11)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have deigned to adopt us as your people, and to unite us to yourself in your only-begotten Son: O grant that we may continue pure and chaste in our obedience to your gospel, and never turn aside to those corruptions which disunite that sacred bond of union, which has been confirmed between us by the blood of your Son; may we so persevere in serving you that our whole life and all our actions may be evidences of that holy calling, by which is laid up for us the hope of eternal salvation, until at length we shall come into the possession of that kingdom which has been obtained for us by so great a price, and there enjoy the fruit of our faith, sincerity and perseverance, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 12. (Jeremiah 3.12-18)

Grant, Almighty God, as at this time you mercifully spare us even though in various ways we provoke your displeasure: O grant that we may not harden ourselves against your chastisements, but that your forbearance may lead us to repentance, that your scourges may do us good, and that we may so truly turn to you that our whole life may testify that in our hearts we are changed; and may we so stimulate one another that we may unite together in rendering obedience to your word, and each of us strive to glorify your name, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 13 (Jeremiah 3.19-25)

Grant, Almighty God, as we do not cease, though favoured with many blessings, to provoke you by our misdeeds, as though we avowedly carried on war against you: O grant that, being at length warned by those examples by which you invite us to repentance, we may restrain our depraved nature, in due time repent, and so devote ourselves to your service that your name may be glorified through us, and that we may strive to bring into the way of salvation those who seem now to be lost, so that your mercy may extend far and wide, and that your salvation, obtained through Christ your only-begotten Son, may be known and embraced by all nations. Amen.

#### Lecture 14 (Jeremiah 4.1-6)

Grant, Almighty God, as we do not cease daily to alienate ourselves from you by our sins, and as with kindness you exhort us to repent and promise to be appeasable and propitious to us: O grant that we may not perversely go on in our sins and be ungrateful to you for your great kindness; but may we so return to you that our whole life may testify our repentance is unfeigned, and may we so acquiesce in you alone that the depraved lusts of our flesh may not draw us here and there, but may we continue fixed and immovable in our purpose, and so labour to obey you through the whole course of our life, that at length we may partake of the fruit of our obedience in your celestial kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 15 (Jeremiah 4.7-14)

Grant, Almighty God, since it pleases you daily to invite us to repentance, and since our own conscience is a witness of how we have in various ways provoked your vengeance: O grant that we may not remain obstinate in our sins, nor harden our minds by perverse delusions, but suffer ourselves to be subdued by your word and so offer ourselves to you with a pure and sincere heart, that our whole life may be nothing else than a striving for that newness which you require; that, being consecrated to you in mind and body, we may ever labour to glorify your name until we be made partakers of that glory which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 16 (Jeremiah 4.15-22)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have frequently kindled among us the light of celestial truth, and invite us each day to partake of the salvation which has been set before us: O grant that we may not close our eyes, nor render deaf our ears, nor harden ourselves in our sins but, as you do not cease to call us to yourself, may we earnestly strive to hasten to you and persevere in the course of our holy calling, that we may draw nearer daily to its end, until you receive

us at length into that celestial kingdom which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 17 (Jeremiah 4.23-30)

Grant, Almighty God, though we are torpid in our vices, that we may yet be attentive to those examples of your wrath by which you design to warn us, so that we may learn, by the misery of others, to fear you; and that we may be attentive to those threatenings by which you draw us to yourself as we fail to be allured by your kindness; and may we, in the meantime, feel assured that you will ever be propitious and merciful to all miserable sinners who from the heart seek you and sincerely and unfeignedly repent; may we contend with our vices and, with real effort, strive to deliver ourselves from those snares of Satan which he ever spreads for us, in order that we may more freely devote ourselves altogether to you, and take such delight in your righteousness, that our object and aim through the whole course of our life may be to please you, and to render our services approved in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 18 (Jeremiah 4.31 - 5.3)

Grant, Almighty God, as the devil does not cease to soothe us by his allurements that we may become torpid and stupefied: O grant that your word may so shine in our minds and hearts that we may not grow torpid in darkness; rouse us by your Spirit that we may attend to those warnings of your prophets by which you would bring us to the right way that we may not perish; and may we assiduously exercise repentance through the whole course of our life that we may ever be displeased with ourselves on account of our sins; and may we judge ourselves daily that we may turn away from your wrath until, having finished our warfare which we have to carry on continually with our sins, we shall come to that blessed rest which has been procured for us in heaven, by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 19 (Jeremiah 5.4 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, as we are inclined at this time to those vices to which we learn your ancient people were given too much: O grant that we, being governed by your Spirit, may not harden ourselves against your holy warnings, by which you daily reprove us and our sins, but that we may be teachable and obedient; and, as we have hitherto too much resisted you and carried on war with your justice, may we learn to fight with ourselves and with our sins, and rely on your word until we gain the victory and, at length, attain that triumph which has been prepared for us in heaven by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 20 (Jeremiah 5.10 - 15)

Grant, Almighty God, though you might justly condemn us now for the gross and wicked impiety which you formerly condemned, by the mouth of your prophet, in your ancient people: O grant that we may not proceed in our obstinacy but learn, with pliable minds and in true docility of heart, to submit to your word, that it may not turn to our ruin but that, by experience, we may find it to be appointed for our salvation and, being inflamed with a desire for true religion, and also cleansed from the filth of depraved affections and of carnal lusts, may we devote ourselves wholly to your service until, having put off the flesh and all its filth, we shall in due time attain to that perfect purity which is set before us in your gospel, and be made partakers of your eternal glory in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 21 (Jeremiah 5.16 - 24)

Grant, Almighty God, since each day you invite us to yourself with so much kindness and benevolence, and since your word continually sounds in our ears: O grant that we may not become deaf through the depravity of our flesh but be attentive to hear the doctrine of salvation, and become so teachable and obedient that we may be willing to be turned wherever you please, and to be guided in the way you point out to us, until we shall reach that blessed rest which has been prepared for us in heaven by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



#### Lecture 22 (Jeremiah 5.25 - 31)

Grant, Almighty God, since we have been extremely deaf to your many exhortations, and also to those threatenings by which you have sharply stimulated us to repentance: O grant that this perverseness may not always remain in us, but that we may at length submit to you, not only for a short time but continually, that we may devote ourselves wholly to you to the end, and thus glorify your name, and that we may at last become partakers of that glory which has been procured for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 23 (Jeremiah 6.1 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, since with kindness you invite us to repentance, and also urge us by setting before us examples of your wrath: O grant that we may not continue perversely disobedient but render ourselves tractable and submissive to you, that we may not meet with that dreadful severity with which you did threaten your ancient people, but anticipate the wrath which you did formerly denounce on them; and may we thus, with a pious heart, return to you that we may find by experience that you are ever a propitious Father to sinners whenever, with a sincere heart and without dissimulation, they return to you, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 24 (Jeremiah 6.10 - 15)

Grant, Almighty God, inasmuch as you seek daily to restore us to yourself, and so arrange your word with kindness to allure us, and then to reprove us severely, and even to drive us by threatenings: O grant that we may not be altogether unteachable, but so rule us by the spirit of meekness that we may submit ourselves to you and to your holy word, and be so terrified by the fear of your judgment that we ever taste the sweetness of your mercy, that we may cleave to you in Christ your Son until we shall, at length, fully know that you are our Father, and enjoy the fruit of our adoption in the same Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 25 (Jeremiah 6.16 - 23)

Grant, Almighty God, as daily we do not cease to give you occasion of offence, and as you do not cease, in order to promote our salvation, to call us to the right way: O grant that we may be attentive to your voice and suffer ourselves to be reprov'd by it; may we so submit ourselves to you that we may continually go on toward the mark to which you invite us and, having at length finished our course in this life, may we enjoy the fruit of our obedience and faith, and possess that eternal inheritance which has been obtained for us by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 26 (Jeremiah 6.24 - 7.4)

Grant, Almighty God, as we so abuse your forbearance that you are constrained by our depravity to deal sharply with us: O grant also that we may not be hardened against your chastisements but may we, with a submissive and tractable neck, learn to take your yoke, and be so obedient to your government that we may testify our repentance not for one day only and thus give no fallacious evidence, but may we really prove through the whole course of our life the sincerity of our conversion to you by regarding this as our main object, even to glorify you in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 27 (Jeremiah 7.5 - 11)

Grant, Almighty God, as you do not build at this time a temple among us of wood and stones, as the fullness of your Godhead dwells in your only-begotten Son, and as he by his power fills the whole world and dwells in the midst of us, and even in us: O grant that we may not profane his sanctuary by our vices and sins but so strive to consecrate ourselves to your service that your name through his name may be continually glorified until at length we shall be received into that eternal inheritance where there will appear to us openly and face to face that glory which we now see in the truth contained in your gospel. Amen.

#### Lecture 28 (Jeremiah 7.12 - 19)

Grant, Almighty God, as we are inclined not only to superstitions but also to many vices, that we may be restrained by your word and, as you are pleased to remind us daily of your benefits, that you may keep us in the practice of true faith: O grant that we may not be led astray by the delusions of Satan or our own vanity, but continue firm and steady in our obedience to you, and constantly proceed in the course of true piety that, at length, we may partake of its fruit in your celestial kingdom, which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 29 (Jeremiah 7.20 - 24)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have this day so clearly revealed to us your will that there can remain no pretence of ignorance, that we may on that account submit to you with a freer and more ready mind, and that we may not only incline our ears to you, but also so attend to you with all our heart that we may desire no other thing than to make our whole life approved by you; and, as we cannot but turn aside through our obstinacy and wickedness from the right way, enlighten us by the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge that we may strive to embrace whatever you have been pleased to prescribe to us in your word that, when the course of this life shall be finished, we may reach the goal and partake of the fruit of our obedience, and enjoy that eternal inheritance which your only-begotten Son has procured for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 30 (Jeremiah 7.25 - 30)

Grant, Almighty God, since you constantly, daily and even hourly, invite us to yourself that we may not give you occasion, as did your people of old, to complain that we are deaf and neglect your holy admonitions, but that we may be teachable and submissive to you, and that, as you rise early, we may also be ready to meet you and be obedient to you, not only for one day, but persevere through life in the same course until we shall reach that blessed rest, prepared for us in heaven by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Lecture 31 (Jeremiah 7.31 - 8.3)

Grant, Almighty God, as you terrify us daily with your judgments, and as it is needful for our sloth to be stimulated and for our corruption to be thus corrected: O grant that we may be moved by your threatenings, and at the same time suffer ourselves to be invited by your kindness; may we make such progress in the knowledge of your word that, being terrified by threatenings, we may also readily and willingly obey whenever in a paternal manner you call us to yourself, and may we labour in every way to devote ourselves wholly to you by subduing the corrupt affections of our flesh, that nothing may hinder us to be submissive to your will, until we shall at length enjoy the rest of that eternal inheritance which you have promised to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### Lecture 32 (Jeremiah 8.4 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, since you do not cease to rouse us each day, as our sloth requires continual warnings: O grant that we may not be unteachable; that our perverseness may not hinder us from returning immediately and willingly to you, from whom we have, through our own fault, alienated ourselves; and that we may not only feel some desire to repent, but persevere constantly in the exercise of penitence that, through the whole course of our life, we may contend with our lusts until, having at length subdued them all, we shall reach the goal which has been set before us, and enjoy in heaven that eternal inheritance which has been procured for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

### Lecture 33 (Jeremiah 8.10 - 18)

Grant, Almighty God, since we have been abundantly taught by ancient examples how insane they are who do not bend under your threatenings, and who do not repent in due time while you invite them to repentance: O grant that we may give up ourselves wholly to be disciplined by you, and that we may not only bear with submissive minds to be chastised, but also learn by your warnings to return to you without delay, and that we may so remain in

obedience to you that, with unceasing perseverance, we may fight under your banner until, having at length finished our warfare, we shall enjoy that blessed rest which has been prepared for us by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 34 (Jeremiah 8.19 - 9.2)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have been pleased to preserve the prophetic writings for our use, that they may continually excite us to repentance and, since daily you stiffen up those who urge us by their exhortations and draw us, as it were by force, to repent: O grant that there may not be in us such perverseness as we see existed in your ancient people; but that we may render ourselves teachable and be so moved by your threatenings as to anticipate your judgment, lest we, mistaking your forbearance, should at length be visited with that dread described to us by your servant Jeremiah; but, on the contrary, to the end may we find you to be not only a reconcilable but also a most merciful Father, until we shall at last enjoy a fuller knowledge of your goodness in your celestial kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 35 (Jeremiah 9.3 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, as we do not cease by our sins to provoke you more and more, that we may at least be warned by your threatenings and the words of your prophets so that we may not continue obstinate in evil nor pertinaciously resist your will but, on the contrary, that we may learn to anticipate your judgment and thus receive your corrections, that our sins may be hated by us, and that we may become judges of ourselves in order that we may obtain pardon and, having obtained it, that we may never doubt to call on you as our Father until, at length, you gather us into that blessed inheritance which has been procured for us by the blood of your only Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 36 (Jeremiah 9.10 - 15)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have not only testified what is right by the Law and the Prophets, that we may form our life in obedience to your will, but have

also made more fully known to us by your gospel what is perfect righteousness: O grant that, being ruled by your Spirit, we may surrender ourselves altogether to you and so acquiesce in your Word alone; that we may not deviate neither to the right hand nor to the left, but allow you alone to be wise and, acknowledging our folly and vanity, may we suffer ourselves to be taught by your Word that we may really prove we are truly obedient to you until, having at length completed the course of this life, we shall reach that heavenly rest which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 37 (Jeremiah 9.16 - 24)

Grant, Almighty God, since you set before our eyes so many evils and vices by which we have provoked your anger against us, and yet give us the hope of pardon if we repent: O grant us a teachable spirit that we may, with becoming meekness, attend to your threatenings, and be in such a way terrified by them as not yet to despair of the mercy offered to us but seek it through your Son; and, as he has once for all pacified you by shedding his blood, cleanse us by your Spirit from all our pollutions, until we stand immaculate before you on that day when Christ shall appear for the salvation of all his people. Amen.

#### Lecture 38 (Jeremiah 9.24 - 26)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have revealed to us in your gospel how guilty and miserable we are, that we may learn to loathe ourselves and, though confounded and even despairing of the sins and guilt we have contracted, may we know that true glory is offered to us, and that we shall be made partakers of it if, by true faith, we embrace your only-begotten Son, in whom is offered to us perfect righteousness and salvation; and grant also that we may so cleave to Christ and by faith receive his blessings that we may be able, not only before the world, but also against Satan and death itself, to glory in you, that you alone are just and wise and strong; and may your strength, justice and wisdom shine forth upon us in our iniquity and ignorance and infirmity,

until we shall at length reach that fulness of glory, which has been prepared for us in heaven by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 39 (Jeremiah 10.1 - 6)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have made heaven and earth for our sake, and have testified by your servant Moses that the sun as well as the moon, to which foolish heathens ascribe divinity, are to be serviceable to us, and that we are to use them as though they were our servants: O grant that, by your so many blessings, we may have our minds raised upward and contemplate your true glory, that we may faithfully worship you only and surrender ourselves so entirely to you, that, while we enjoy the benefits derived from all the stars as well as from the earth, we may know we are bound to you by so many favours, in order that we may be more and more roused to attend to what is just and right, and thus endeavour to glorify your name on earth that, at length, we may enjoy that blessed glory which has been provided for us by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 40 (Jeremiah 10.7 - 11)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have exhibited your glory, not only in the heavens and the earth, but also in the law, the prophets and the gospel, and have so plainly made yourself known to us in your only-begotten Son that ignorance can be no excuse: O grant that we may make progress in this knowledge by which in kindness you invite us to yourself; may we constantly cleave to you that none of the errors of the world may draw us aside; and may we stand firm in your word which cannot deceive us, until we shall come to that celestial blessedness when we shall enjoy you face to face in your glory, having been made fully conformable to your image in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 41 (Jeremiah 10.11 - 16)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have been pleased to show yourself so plainly to us, and as you are pleased to confirm us in your truth: O grant that we may

not turn aside either to the right hand or to the left, but depend entirely on your word, and so cleave to you that no errors of the world may draw us aside; may we constantly persevere in that faith which we have learnt from your law and your prophets, and especially from your gospel where you have made yourself more clearly known to us through Christ Jesus, until we shall enjoy your full and perfect glory when we shall be transformed into it in that inheritance which has been purchased for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 42 (Jeremiah 10.17 - 23)

Grant, Almighty God, as we today are so torpid that we are not moved by your threatenings, nor do the kind and friendly warnings by which you invite us to yourself prevail with us: O grant that we may learn to attend to the truth in whatever form you set it before us, and that we may be teachable and obedient when you invite us; if we become hardened, may we be also touched by your threatenings and not tempt your patience, but suffer ourselves to be brought under your yoke, and so submit to you, that you may through our whole life rule over us, and show to us your paternal love that, after having faithfully served you in this world, we may come at length into that blessed rest which is prepared for us in heaven by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 43 (Jeremiah 10.23 - 25)

Grant, Almighty God, since, except you rouse us, we are so torpid in our sins that we do not profit by the severe warnings by which you formerly stimulated your ancient people and, since we have also been already warned by many signs of your wrath to seek repentance with increasing assiduity: O grant that we may earnestly persevere in this course and so submit to you that, with patient and calm minds, we may bear your corrections; in the meantime, may we be fully assured that you will ever be our Father; may we never hesitate, even in death itself, to flee to you for mercy until you pour forth your wrath on the ungodly and the profane despisers of your name and show such compassion toward us; and may we know that you have not promised in vain



that your chastisements would ever be kind and paternal when visiting the sins of those who hope in you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 44 (Jeremiah 11.1 - 8)

Grant, Almighty God, since each day you have been pleased to invite us to yourself with such rich benignity and kindness, that we may not with deaf ears turn aside from the doctrine which is set forth for our salvation, but that we may attend to it and persevere also in that obedience which you justly require from us, that we may make increasing progress in true religion, and form the whole course of our life according to your righteous law, and that we may fight as good soldiers to you in this world, until we shall come to that blessed rest, which is prepared for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 45 (Jeremiah 11.8 - 12)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have been pleased, in such kind a manner according to your paternal kindness, to invite us to yourself, that we may not be refractory, but willingly and quietly submit ourselves to you, and not wait until you shake us with terror and show us signs of your wrath; but may we anticipate your dreadful judgment, and thus always go on with no other object in view but to glorify your name through the whole course of our life, until we shall at length be made partakers of that glory which your only-begotten Son has obtained for us. Amen.

#### Lecture 46 (Jeremiah 11.13 - 17)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have deigned to gather us into your Church, that we may never turn aside in the least from the purity of your worship, but always regard what pleases you and learn to direct our doings and our thoughts in obedience to your truth, and worship you purely both in spirit and in external forms, that your name may be glorified by us, and that we may especially retain that purity which you everywhere commend to us, that we may be indeed the members of your only-begotten Son; and, as he has sanctified himself on our account, may we also through his Spirit be made

partakers of the same sanctification, until he will gather us into his celestial kingdom, which he has obtained for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 47 (Jeremiah 11.18 - 23)

Grant, Almighty God, as you remind us in your word of our many vices and sins, that we may learn to direct our eyes and thoughts to you, and never think that we have to do with a mortal being, but that we may anticipate your judgment; may we learn so to examine all our thoughts and try our feelings that no hypocrisy may deceive us and that we may not sleep in our sins; but, being really and truly awakened, may we humble ourselves before you and so seek your pardon that, when we be down in true repentance, you may absolve us in your mercy, through the virtue of that sacrifice by which your only-begotten Son has once for all reconciled us to you. Amen.

#### Lecture 48 (Jeremiah 12.1 - 4)

Grant, Almighty God, though the same hardness is inbred in us as in your ancient people, that we may not become rooted in it; rouse us by your Spirit that we may suffer ourselves to be gently governed by your word, and may we be so touched by your threatenings that, whenever you announce to us your judgment, we may not defer but strive to be immediately reconciled to you; and, as there is no other way of being reconciled except through your only-begotten Son, may we in true faith embrace the favour which you offer to us in your gospel and devote ourselves wholly to you, being truly penitent of our sins; and, as we ought to make progress to the end of life, may we strive more and more to put off all the lusts of our flesh until, at length, we shall be made partakers of that glory which your only-begotten Son has prepared for us. Amen.

#### Lecture 49 (Jeremiah 12.5 - 10)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have not only been pleased to offer yourself to be our Shepherd, but have also set over us your only-begotten Son that he might gather us into his own fold, and as he sweetly invites us daily by his voice to

continue collected under his power and government: O grant that we may suffer ourselves to be governed by him and never be like wild and untameable beasts, but so obey his voice that, wherever he may call us, we may be ready to follow, and thus proceed through the whole course of our life until we shall at length reach the goal which is set before us, and be led into the fruition of that eternal inheritance and glory which your only-begotten Son has obtained for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 50 (Jeremiah 12.11 - 15)

Grant, Almighty God, since such a dreadful scattering terrifies us on every side: O grant that we may learn to raise our eyes above the world and to hope for that which is now hidden from us, that, in executing your judgments on the Church as well as on aliens, you will be so merciful to the whole world that we may be gathered into the unity of faith; and may we labour to devote ourselves wholly to your service and cultivate brotherly concord among ourselves until we shall enjoy that eternal inheritance which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 51 (Jeremiah 12-16 - 13.9)

Grant, Almighty God, as so many of the people who have been gathered by you to be the body of your only-begotten Son have fallen away and, by their ingratitude, have alienated themselves from the hope of eternal salvation: O grant that they may again at this time again be united together and hold with us the true unity of faith, that, with one heart and one mouth, we may profess you as our God and Father, and so learn to swear by your name, that we may acknowledge you as our Judge, and ascribe to you all power over us until, at length, we shall enjoy that eternal inheritance into the hope of which you have called us and daily invite us, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 52 (Jeremiah 13.10 - 15)

Grant, Almighty God, as we are by nature frail vessels, and our frailty is such that we of ourselves melt away and, even when we become stronger, we

cannot stand by our own power: O grant that, being supported by your power, we may indeed rejoice in the perpetuity of our salvation, not relying on any earthly protection but being pleased that you chose us to be your people; and, at the same time, may we so pursue the course of our life that we may not by our perfidy exclude your grace from us, but always give honour you that we may be more and more enriched by those gifts which pertain to the hope of the future life, until we shall at length come to that full and perfect happiness in your celestial kingdom, laid up for us by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 53 (Jeremiah 13.16 - 21)

Grant, Almighty God, as we are so slothful to hear you, yes, inasmuch as our minds are taken up with so many vanities so that we deceive ourselves: O grant that your Holy Spirit may so illuminate us that we may not despise your threatenings, but may learn to anticipate in time your judgment, and thus obtain pardon; and, being mindful of your mercy, may we pursue the course of our calling until we shall be received into that blessed rest which has been obtained for us by your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 54 (Jeremiah 13.22 - 27)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have once cleansed us by the blood of your only-begotten Son to the end that we might worship you in true sincerity of heart, and that we might also strive to regulate our whole life according to the rule of righteousness: O grant that, being mindful of our vocation, we may labour to render ourselves approved by you, that your name may through us be glorified and, casting far away from us all pollutions, that we may retain the simple worship of you, and preserve ourselves within the limits of your word, that we may not be led astray after vanities and the sinful superstitions of this world, but advance toward the mark which you have been pleased to set before us until we shall be gathered into that celestial kingdom in which we shall enjoy that inheritance which your only-begotten Son has provided for us. Amen.

#### Lecture 55 (Jeremiah 14.1 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are taught by the Teacher whom you have set over us to seek our daily bread from you, that we may know that whenever you chastise us with scarcity we are justly visited by your hand; should you at any time deal severely with us, may we never cease to implore your mercy, and feel assured that you will ever be merciful and propitious to us, provided we do not decline from the way which you have pointed out to us, namely that your Son will reconcile us to you and that his blood is our only satisfaction; and may we not look to anything else, even in seeing our salvation, but that your name may be more and more glorified through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 56 (Jeremiah 14.10 - 14)

Grant, Almighty God, since daily with kindness you show to us our sins, exhort us to repent and teach us that you are ready to forgive us: O grant that we may not be of a refractory mind, nor flee away from you while with kindness you invite us to yourself, but may we learn to repent and be touched with the fear of your judgment that we may truly, and from the heart, seek that reconciliation which has been procured for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son; and, as we can bring nothing of our own, may we submissively humble ourselves before you and by faith embrace the gift of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 57 (Jeremiah 14.15 - 20)

Grant, Almighty God, though we been reconciled to you and our reconciliation is testified to us in your gospel, yet daily we do not cease to provoke your wrath: O grant that we may at least groan and, without dissembling, be touched with real and deep sorrow and so condemn our vices, and thus learn to flee, not only once in our life, but every moment, to your mercy, that you may be reconciled to us and not deal with us according to our merits; but, since you have been pleased to embrace us with paternal love for the sake of your only-begotten Son, continue this favour to us until, having been cleansed

from all filth and pollution, we shall become partakers of your celestial glory, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 58 (Jeremiah 14.21 - 15.2)

Grant, Almighty God, since you are graciously pleased to exhort us to repent, and withhold your hand and allow us the opportunity to repent: O grant that we may not obstinately provoke against ourselves your extreme vengeance, but render ourselves obedient to you that you may not only hear others praying for us, but that our own prayers may also obtain pardon from you, especially through the intercession of Christ, your only-begotten Son, who has once for all reconciled you to us, and whose perpetual intercession continues to reconcile us to you, until we shall appear before you with all our spots and filth wholly washed away, and be made partakers of that glory which has been obtained for us by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 59 (Jeremiah 15.3 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, that we may not by our hardness so provoke your judgment against us as to constrain you with an armed hand to assail us, but may we through a meek and submissive spirit be so influenced by your threatenings as to anticipate that vengeance by which we see that all the reprobate and the perverse have been visited; and may we so endeavour by true repentance to obtain your favour that we may receive your daily blessings and benefits until we shall come to the full and real enjoyment of all those blessings which have been laid up for us in your celestial kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 60 (Jeremiah 15.10 - 15)

Grant, Almighty God, as we do not cease daily by our sins to provoke your wrath against us, and because we are also ungrateful to you and disobedient to your heavenly doctrine: O grant that we may at length know what we have hitherto deserved; may we become so displeased with our vices that, being really and from the heart turned to you, we may above all things seek to be

reconciled to you and received into your favour that you may rule us by your Holy Spirit and confirm us in true obedience and godliness until, at length, we shall enjoy that eternal felicity which has been prepared for us in heaven by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 61 (Jeremiah 15.16 - 19)

Grant, Almighty God, since at this time you have plainly made known to us your will through the gospel of your Son that, by an unshaken faith, we may embrace what is set forth in it for us: O grant that we may learn to be satisfied with you alone, to acquiesce in your truth, and to renounce the whole world, that we may never be moved by any threats and terrors, nor vacillate when the ungodly seem so proudly disposed to withdraw confidence in you; but may we render to you all due honour that we may not only obey you but also perform the offices committed to us and never hesitate so to provoke the whole world against us that, no matter how hard our warfare may be, we may firmly persevere in the course of your holy calling, and may thus enjoy at the last that triumph which Christ your only-begotten Son has procured for us. Amen.

#### Lecture 62 (Jeremiah 15.19 - 16.4)

Grant, Almighty God, as you anticipate us by your word that we may not experience your eternal severity: O grant that we may become teachable and so displeased with our vices that we may no more provoke your vengeance but hasten to seek reconciliation with you and, relying on the Mediator whom you have given us, may we flee to your mercy until, having been cleansed from all our filth, we shall be received at length into your celestial kingdom, and there appear before you in that conformity to Christ from which we are as yet very distant, and so enjoy that glory which your only-begotten Son has obtained for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 63 (Jeremiah 16.5 - 13)

Grant, Almighty God, because in various ways each day we provoke your wrath against us yet you do not cease to exhort us to repent: O grant that we may be pliant and obedient, may we not despise your kind invitations whilst you set before us the hope of your mercy, nor may we make light of your threatenings; but may we so profit by your word that we may to endeavour to anticipate your judgments; and, being allured by the sweetness of your grace, may we also consecrate ourselves wholly to you that your wrath may be turned from us, and that we may become receivers of that grace which you offer to all who truly and from the heart repent, and who desire to know you propitious to them in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 64 (Jeremiah 16.13 - 18)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have not given to your servants only a small corner of the earth to dwell in, but have designed to extend your kingdom to the utmost borders of the earth and to dwell with us, wherever we be, by your only-begotten Son: O grant that we may offer ourselves as sacrifices to you, and labour to regulate our life according to your word that your name may be glorified in and by us, until we shall become partakers of that celestial and eternal glory which has been provided for us by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 65 (Jeremiah 16.19 - 17.4)

Grant, Almighty God, since with kindness you invite us every day to repentance and show yourself ready to be reconciled: O grant that we may not through our perverseness reject so inestimable a favour, but submit ourselves to you and become so displeased with our vices as to be touched with a true and sincere concern for religion, and to labour through the whole course of our life for nothing else but to render ourselves and our duties approved by you, and thus to glorify your name, so that, at least, we may become partakers of that celestial and eternal glory which your only-begotten Son has attained for us. Amen.



#### Lecture 66 (Jeremiah 17.5 - 10)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are wholly nothing and less than nothing, that we may know our nothingness and, having cast away all confidence in the world as well as in ourselves, may we learn to flee to you as suppliants and so put our trust in you for our present life and for eternal salvation that you alone may be glorified; and may we be devoted to you through the whole course of our life, and so persevere in humility and in calling on your name, that you may not only once bring us help, but that we may know you are always present with those who truly and from the heart call upon you until, at length, we shall be filled with the fullness of all those blessings which are laid up for us in heaven by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 67 (Jeremiah 17.10 - 14)

Grant, Almighty God, that we may learn both in want and abundance so to submit ourselves to you that it may be our only and perfect felicity to depend on you and to rest in that salvation which you have already given us to experience and love, until we shall reach that eternal rest where we shall enjoy it in all its fullness when we are made partakers of that glory which has been procured for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 68 (Jeremiah 17.15 - 21)

Grant, Almighty God, since in former times you sent your prophets and even now make the testimony of your will to be declared to us daily: O grant that we may learn to render ourselves teachable and submissive to you, and thus willingly bear your yoke that your holy word may gain among us that reverence which it deserves; may we so submit ourselves to you, while you speak to us by men, that we may at length enjoy a view of your glory in which will consist our perfect felicity, that we may not only contemplate your glory face to face but also hear you speaking, and so speaking that we shall delight in that sweetness which is laid up for us in hope through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 69 (Jeremiah 17.22 -27)

Grant, Almighty God, since you do not now prescribe to us just one day on which we are to testify that we are sanctified by you, but command us to observe a sacred rest through our whole life, so as to renounce ourselves and the world: O grant that we may really contemplate this rest and so crucify the old man that, being effectually united to your only-begotten Son, we may become also partakers of that resurrection in which he has led the way, and be gathered into that celestial kingdom which he has procured for us by his death and resurrection, after having so fought in this world under your banner, that you may ever reign in us and rule and govern us by your Spirit, so that nothing throughout life may be our own doing, but that we suffer ourselves to be governed by you until, at length, you become to us all in all. Amen.

#### Lecture 70 (Jeremiah 18.1 - 12)

Grant, Almighty God, since we stand or fall at your will, that we may be conscious of our weakness and frailty, and constantly remember that not only our life is a shadow, but that we are wholly nothing, and thus learn to trust in you alone, and to depend on you alone and on your good pleasure; and, as it is yours to begin and to complete whatever belongs to our salvation, may we in real fear and trembling submit ourselves to you and proceed in the course of our calling, ever calling on you and casting all our cares into your bosom, until, being freed from all dangers, we shall be gathered into that eternal and blessed rest which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 71 (Jeremiah 18.12 - 17)

Grant, Almighty God, that we may in due time anticipate your wrath, and never kindle it by our perverseness as to preclude every remedy; and also, when for a time you chastise us, do not wholly cast us away, but let it ever remain to us that we may resort to seek you in the day of calamity and find you accessible that, being reunited to you, we may find you remember mercy even in wrath, until we shall enjoy a full and real participation of your favour

and paternal love in your celestial kingdom, which has been procured for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 72 (Jeremiah 18.18 - 23)

Grant, Almighty God, since by the doctrine of your gospel you exhort us daily and even constantly to repent, and since you show yourself reconcilable to us: O grant that we may not disregard so incomparable a benefit but, with resigned minds, devote ourselves wholly to you; and, so that we may not provoke your wrath that we be rejected altogether by you and find there is no mercy for us, may we anticipate extreme judgment while the time of your good will continues, and thus embrace the benefit of reconciliation which you offer to us that, being thankful to you and accepted in your only-begotten Son, we may proceed in the course of our vocation until we shall enjoy that eternal inheritance which your only-begotten Son has obtained for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 73 (Jeremiah 18.23 - 19.5)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have been pleased to show us the way in which we cannot err provided we obey you: O grant that we may render ourselves really teachable and ready to obey, and never undertake anything but that which we know is approved by you, nor turn aside to the right hand or to the left, but continue in that form of worship which you have prescribed for us in your word, that we may be able to bear witness, not only before the world but before you and the holy angels, that we obediently follow you; and may we never blend anything of our own but, with submissive minds, worship you alone, striving to render ourselves wholly subject to you until, having at length rendered to you due service through the whole course of our life, we shall reach that blessed rest which your Son has procured for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 74 (Jeremiah 19.6 - 15)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have been pleased to prescribe a rule for us by which we may truly and purely worship you: O grant that we may follow this plain rule and never indulge our own imaginations, nor trifle with you through our own fancies or through the foolish wisdom of our flesh, but continue in your law and in the doctrine which your only-begotten Son, our Lord, has delivered to us, that we may advance more and more in the knowledge of that glory, the foretaste of which you give us now until we shall fully and perfectly enjoy it when we shall be gathered into that celestial kingdom which your Son has procured for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 75 (Jeremiah 20.1 - 5)

Grant, Almighty God, that we may not by our perverseness increasingly provoke your wrath, but whenever you threaten us may we immediately fear and tremble at your word, and also obey you in the true spirit of meekness, and so dread your threatenings as to anticipate your judgment by true repentance, and thus strive to glorify your name that you may become our strength and glory, and that we may be able, not only before the world but before you and your angels, really to glory that we are your peculiar people whom you have favoured with your adoption, that you may to the end carry on in us the work of your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 76 (Jeremiah 20.6 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, because at this time a greater and viler impiety breaks forth than at any age, and your sacred truth is treated with derision by many of Satan's drudges: O grant that we may nevertheless constantly persevere in your truth, that we may not hesitate to oppose the fury of all the ungodly and, relying on the power of your Spirit, that we may contend with them until that truth, which you proclaimed by your Prophets and finally by your only-begotten Son, by whom it was sealed in his blood, may attain its full authority, and, as it proves to many the savour of eternal death, so it may also be a pledge to us of

eternal salvation, until we shall be gathered into your kingdom at the coming of the same your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Lecture 77 (Jeremiah 20.10 - 16)

Grant, Almighty God, as virulent tongues now surround us, and the devil has many mercenaries who have nothing else in view but to prevent by clamours whatever is rightly derived from you and has proceeded from your mouth: O grant that we may firmly oppose such intrigues and stand with resolute minds against all their violent artifices; and may we proceed in the course of your holy calling until we shall surely know that they who trust in you, and faithfully devote themselves to your service, are never left without your help; and, at the last, having finished our warfare, may we be gathered into that blessed rest which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 78 (Jeremiah 20.16 - 21.5)

Grant, Almighty God, since we do not cease to provoke your wrath and are so slow to repent: O grant that, at the least, we may so profit under your threatenings and the manifestations of your judgment, that we may give up ourselves wholly to you and hope for your favour which has been for a time hidden from us until, with resigned minds, we shall be able confidently to call on you and prove our constancy, that your name may be glorified in us and that we may also be glorified in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 79 (Jeremiah 21.6 - 12)

Grant, Almighty God, because we do not cease by new sins each day to kindle your wrath, that we may not proceed to obstinacy or contempt; and, since it is good for us to be chastised by your hand, grant that we may resign ourselves to you, submit to your scourges, allow you to act the part of a Father toward us in restoring us to the right way, and never to cease to hope in you, even when you seem to be angry with us; but with hope may we regard that which you promise, even that all evils shall be an aid to our salvation until, having

gone through all the miseries of the present life, we shall come into that blessed rest which your only-begotten Son has procured for us. Amen.

#### Lecture 80 (Jeremiah 21.13 - 22.5)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have been pleased to erect the throne of your Son among us, that we may suffer ourselves to be ruled by him and not falsely boast that we are his people, but really prove that we truly and from the heart confess him as our King, and that also he may so defend us through the whole course of life against all the assaults of our enemies, that we, ever relying on your aid and possessing our souls in patience, may at length be translated into that blessed glory and rest which he has purchased for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 81 (Jeremiah 22.5 - 13)

Grant, Almighty God, since you continue both by chastising us and with kindness to allure us to yourself to deal with us in such a way as to find out whether we are healable: O grant that we may not be hardened either against your threatenings or your promises, but follow in a teachable spirit what you show is pleasing to you, and make progress in holy living, and become daily more watchful and diligent until, at length, we shall reach the goal which is set before us, and receive the reward of our faith, in your celestial kingdom which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 82 (Jeremiah 22.13 - 19)

Grant, Almighty God, as it has pleased you to perpetuate the memory of the dreadful vengeance which you have executed on the descendants of David, that we may learn by their evils carefully to walk before you: O grant that the forgetfulness of this example may never possess us, but that we may assiduously meditate on what is set before us in order that we may thus endeavour to advance and promote the glory of your name through the whole course of our life that we may be made partakers of your celestial glory, which

you have prepared for us, and which your only-begotten Son has obtained for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 83 (Jeremiah 22.20 - 27)

Grant, Almighty God, that as you promise to us rest nowhere except in your celestial kingdom, we may never suffer ourselves, while travelling on the earth, to be allured and driven here and there; but may we call on you with resigned minds, and thus carry on our warfare, that no matter how much you may be pleased by various contests to try and prove us, we may still continue to be your faithful soldiers, until we shall enjoy that rest which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 84 (Jeremiah 22.28 - 23.4)

Grant, Almighty God, since you took such heavy vengeance on the impiety of your ancient people that you did not spare even kings who were representatives of Christ, nor their counsellors: O grant that, at this time, we may continue in obedience to your word, and not kindle your vengeance against us by our ingratitude so as to provoke you to punish us with that sad and dreadful desolation which you formerly did not in vain denounce on your people; but may your Church become more and more fruitful, that we may know that you are really gracious to us; and may we thus in quietness give you thanks and suffer ourselves to be ruled by you, even by the hand of your only-begotten Son, until we shall be gathered from our scattering in this world into that eternal rest which he has obtained for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 85 (Jeremiah 23.4 - 6)

Grant, Almighty God, that we, all having been slaves to sin and to iniquity, but regenerated by the Spirit of your only-begotten Son, may truly and with sincere desire seek to serve and worship you alone, and so consecrate ourselves to you, that it may appear that we do not falsely profess the name of Christ, but that we are truly his members, being partakers of that new life which he brought us; and may we make such progress in it that, having

finished our course on earth, we may at length come to that fullness of life and happiness which has been procured for us by him, and which is laid up in heaven for us. Amen.

#### Lecture 86 (Jeremiah 23.7 - 11)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have been pleased to set before us an example of every perfection in your only-begotten Son that we may learn to imitate him, following not only what he has prescribed but also what he performed, and so prove ourselves to be really his members and to confirm our adoption; and may we thus proceed for the whole course of our life that at length we may be gathered into that blessed rest which the same, your only-begotten Son, has obtained for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 87 (Jeremiah 23.12 - 19)

Grant, Almighty God, as we are ever inclined to be led away by ensnaring flatteries, and thus seek death and final ruin for ourselves: O grant that we may learn to tremble at those denunciations announced by the prophets, by which you show to us your wrath, that we may be roused to true repentance and not harden ourselves through your forbearance in what is evil, but pursue our heavenly course until, having put off all our vices, we shall be restored to that perfect form in which your holy image fully shines forth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 88 (Jeremiah 23.19 - 24)

Grant, Almighty God, as nothing necessary to be known for salvation is wanting in your holy and celestial oracles, that we may carefully and diligently study them, and so labour to make progress in the fear of your name relying on that grace which is offered to us in Christ; that we may derive real fruit from the reading and hearing of your word; and that we may also learn to turn everything to edification that your name may be really glorified in us and that, through the whole course of our life, we may make progress in faith and repentance until we shall attain that perfect holiness, to which you invite us



daily, when we shall be wholly divested of all the filth of our flesh, and become fully renewed after the image of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 89 (Jeremiah 23.24 - 27)

Grant, Almighty God, because daily you are graciously pleased to set before us your sure and certain will that we may open our eyes and ears and raise all our thoughts to that which not only reveals to us what is right, but also confirms us in a sound mind, that we may go on in the course of true faith and never turn aside, no matter what Satan and his ministers may devise against us, and that we may stand firm and persevere until, having finished our warfare, we shall come to that blessed rest which has been prepared for us in heaven by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 90 (Jeremiah 23.27 - 35)

Grant, Almighty God, as nothing is better for us or more necessary for our chief happiness than to depend on your word, for it is a sure pledge of your good will towards us: O grant, because you have favoured us with so singular a benefit which you manifest to us daily, that we may be attentive to hear you and submit ourselves to you in true fear, meekness, and humility; that we may be prepared, in the spirit of meekness, to receive whatever proceeds from you; and that your word may not only be precious to us, but also sweet and delightful, until we shall enjoy the perfection of that life which your only-begotten Son has procured for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 91 (Jeremiah 23.26 - 24.2)

Grant, Almighty God, since you delay with so much forbearance the punishments which we have deserved and daily draw on ourselves: O grant that we may not indulge ourselves but carefully consider how often, and in how many different ways, we have provoked your wrath against us, that we may learn humbly to present ourselves to you for pardon, and with true repentance implore your mercy that, from the heart, we may desire wholly to submit ourselves to you that, whether you chastise us or not, according to

your infinite goodness forgive us; may our condition be ever blessed, not by flattering ourselves in our torpidity, but by finding you to be our kind and bountiful Father who is reconciled to us in your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 92 (Jeremiah 24.3 - 7)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have placed us in this world and daily give us so many blessings, that we may pass our time regarding our end and hastening toward the goal: O grant that the benefits and blessings by which you invite us to yourself may not be impediments to us nor keep us attached to this world but, on the contrary, may they stimulate us to fear your name as well as to appreciate your mercy, that we may know you to be our God and strive on our part to present ourselves to you as your people; and may we so consecrate ourselves and all our services to you that your name may be glorified in us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 93 (Jeremiah 24.8 - 25.5)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have been pleased to choose us to be your people and since, when we were wretched apostates, you have also been pleased to restore us to the right way by stretching forth your hand to lead us: O grant that we may not be deaf nor idle; but may it please you, by your Spirit, especially to correct all obstinacy in our hearts, that we may render ourselves obedient and submissive to you; and, as you have not ceased continually to call us, may we in our turn respond to you and, not only by our tongues but also by our works, pursue the course which you have appointed for us, until we shall reach the goal and enjoy that blessed state of glory which you have prepared for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 94 (Jeremiah 25.5 - 12)

Grant, Almighty God, because everywhere we see evidences of your wrath and, because our consciences convince everyone of us, we are constrained to confess that, from the highest to the lowest, we are all guilty before you: O grant that we may in due time return to the right way, seek to be reconciled to

you, and never doubt that you will be merciful and gracious to us whenever we solicit pardon in the name of your only-begotten Son; and may we also be so reconciled to you that we may know you are indeed with us as our Father ruling us by your Spirit, that your name may to the end be glorified, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Lecture 95 (Jeremiah 25.12 - 19)

Grant, Almighty God, because we do not cease to abuse your paternal kindness and, when you spare us for a time, we make it the occasion for more audacity and boldness in sin: O grant that we may return to you without delay to seek reconciliation with you through the blood of your only-begotten Son and, may we may be so displeased with our vices, that we may submit to you from the heart and be governed by your Holy Spirit until, having been cleansed from all our filth, we shall come to that blessed glory which you have prepared for us in heaven, and which has been obtained for us by the blood of the same, your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Lecture 96 (Jeremiah 25.20 - 27)

Grant, Almighty God, since there are before our eyes so many evidences of your judgments and of your goodness, that we may advance in the fear of your name and not go on to kindle your wrath even more against us but, being touched with true repentance, may we seek to be reconciled to you and, commiserating the many evils by which the world is at this day afflicted, may we also strive to restore those to the right way who seem to give themselves up to their own ruin that, by converting those to you who are now far away and aliens, your name may be more glorified and proclaimed by us with one consent, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 97 (Jeremiah 25.27 - 31)

Grant, Almighty God, as you seek continually in various ways to restore us to yourself: O grant that we may not by our untameable perverseness resist your holy and kind admonitions, nor continue torpid in our drowsiness, but

anxiously flee to you, and so humbly solicit pardon that we may show that we really and habitually repent and that your name may in every way be glorified, until we shall come into your celestial glory, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 98 (Jeremiah 25.32 - 38)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have been pleased to gather us under your protection and care, and to offer yourself to be our Shepherd, and even to exhibit yourself as such through your only-begotten Son: O grant that we may willingly obey you and hearken to the voice of the Shepherd whom you have set over us, that we may be preserved to the end by your goodness and power, and never wander from you nor be carried away by our lusts, but continue under the shadow of your wings that you may be ever present with us and check our enemies, and that we may remain safe under your protection throughout life as well as in death, through the same Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 99 (Jeremiah 26.1 - 6)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have been pleased to make known your will by the Law, to add more light by your holy prophets, to give us perfect light by your gospel, and as you invite us daily to learn by means of those whom you have sent: O grant that we may not be deaf nor tardy to hear; grant that we may promptly submit ourselves to you and so suffer ourselves to be ruled by your word that, through our whole life, we may testify that you are indeed our God and we your people, until we shall be gathered into that celestial kingdom which your only-begotten Son our Lord has purchased for us. Amen.

#### Lecture 100 (Jeremiah 26.6 - 13)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have not only called us to the hope of an eternal inheritance but invite us continually to repentance while we do not cease by our continual sins to depart from you: O grant that we may not reject your voice with deaf ears but be pliable and submissive to you, and that we

may also accustom ourselves to bear the yoke, that we may prove through our whole life that we are of your sheep, and that Christ, your only-begotten Son, whom you have set over us, is indeed our Shepherd, until we shall be gathered into that kingdom which he has obtained for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 101 (Jeremiah 26.14 - 19)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have been pleased to gather us to yourself to be your people and have promised that we should be a spiritual temple for you to dwell in: O grant that we may consecrate ourselves a perpetual habitation for time, and strive, through the whole course of our life, to devote ourselves to you that your grace and blessing may never depart from us, but that we may experience more and more that those who truly and without dissembling rely on you are never destitute of your protection, that your name may be more and more glorified in us through your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 102 (Jeremiah 26.20 - 27.5)

Grant, Almighty God, whenever you grievously threaten us, that we may not on that account become angry but learn to acknowledge our sins, truly humble ourselves under your mighty hand, deprecate your wrath, and prove by true repentance that we profit by your word, believing your denunciations, that we may be partakers of that mercy through which you promise to be propitious to all who turn to you; and, thus, may we advance more and more, and persevere in the right course of repentance until, having put off all the vices of the flesh, we shall attain to a perfection of righteousness and the fruition of that glory which has been laid up for us in heaven by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 103 (Jeremiah 27.1 - 8)

Grant, Almighty God, as we do not cease in various ways to arm your hand against us that, being at least touched by your holy admonitions, we may humble ourselves under your mighty hand and thus anticipate your judgment, that you may meet us as a merciful and gracious God, and not only remit to us

the punishments which we deserve, but also show and perpetuate to us your paternal favour until, having been led by your hand, we shall come to that celestial kingdom which you have prepared and obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Jeremiah Lecture 104 (27.9 - 13)

Grant, Almighty God, because we do not cease but continually provoke your wrath against us: O grant that we may of our own accord anticipate your judgment and not harden ourselves in our sins, having been especially warned by your word, but in due time repent and submit ourselves to you that, whatever you may appoint for us, we may not doubt you will be propitious to us; and, while fleeing to your mercy, may we not refuse the punishment you deem expedient to bring us to the right way until, having put off all our corruptions, we shall enjoy that eternal inheritance which is laid up for us in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Jeremiah Lecture 105 (27.14 - 18)

Grant, Almighty God, because by our many vices we continually draw new punishment on ourselves, that we may strive to be reconciled to you, and thus anticipate your judgment and submit to you in true humility, that we may not, by struggling against you, be untameable but confess our guilt, obtain your favour, and find reconciliation with you, until, having put off all our vices, we shall come to that blessed rest which your only-begotten Son has procured for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 106 (Jeremiah 27.19 - 28.6)

Grant, Almighty God, as you continue to invite us to yourself and often remind us of our sins that we may embrace the hope of mercy that is offered to us: O grant that we may not be ungrateful for this great and invaluable blessing, but come to you in real humility and true repentance, and, trusting in your infinite goodness, may we not doubt that you will be propitious to us, that we may be kindled with the desire for true faith and in all things obey your word, that your

name may be glorified in us until, at length, we shall come into that celestial glory which your Son has obtained for us by his blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 107 (Jeremiah 28.7 - 11)

Grant, Almighty God, since you try the constancy of our faith by permitting the devil to blend his lies with your holy truth, that we may not be entangled in them, but be attentive to that light which you set before us, and by which you guide us into the way of salvation; and may we, in the spirit of docility, so offer ourselves to be ruled by you that you may be our faithful and infallible leader, until we shall attain that eternal life which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 108 (Jeremiah 28.12 - 17)

Grant, Almighty God, since with kindness and graciousness you invite us to repentance, that we may be so touched by the sense of your wrath that we may not by our perverseness increase more and more the heinousness of your vengeance against us, but lay hold on the mercy that is offered to us, that we may experience the efficacy and fruit of your truth for our salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 109 (Jeremiah 29.1 - 7)

Grant, Almighty God, that we may be more and more render obedience to you and, whenever you chastise us with your scourges, may we examine our own consciences and humbly and suppliantly plead for the removal of your wrath; may we never doubt that you will be propitious to us after chastising us with your paternal hand; and may we so rest on your fatherly kindness that we may ever look forward with quiet minds, until the end appears which you have promised to us when the warfare of this present life shall be finished and we reach that blessed rest which has been prepared for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 110 (Jeremiah 29.7 - 11)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have been pleased with kindness to show to us your paternal love, and to give us daily a testimony of it in your gospel: O grant that we may not go astray, following our vagrant and erring thoughts, but acquiesce in your simple truth; and, though we must be exercised in this world by many conflicts as our life is to be as it were a continual warfare, may we never doubt but that there is prepared for us a sure rest in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 111 (Jeremiah 29.12 - 19)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have given so remarkable a proof both of your wrath and of your paternal kindness in your dealings with your ancient people: O grant that we may not by our obstinacy provoke your extreme wrath, but anticipate your judgment that we may find you propitious, and never doubt that you will be merciful to us when we sincerely turn to you; and, as we are so prone to all evil - yes, and rush headlong into it - and as our wickedness and hardness are so great, grant to us, we pray, the spirit of meekness that we may in all things submit ourselves to you, and thus render ourselves your children, and that also we may find you to be our Father in your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 112 (Jeremiah 29.19 - 27)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are prone to what is false and are wholly devoted to vanity, that we may be governed by your Spirit and desire no other thing than to be obedient to you; and, as we offer ourselves to you as your disciples, grant that, having the light of your word shining before us, we may follow the way which you show to us, and thus persevere in a right course until, at length, we shall come to that blessed rest which is prepared for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



#### Lecture 113 (Jeremiah 29.28 - 30.7)

Grant, Almighty God, since we do not cease in various ways perversely to provoke your wrath against us: O grant that we may be turned to obedience by your kind admonitions and, at the same time, submit to your just severity knowing, whenever you severely chastise us, that we are dealt with as we deserve; may we never despair but flee to your mercy, not doubting that in the midst of wrath you remember your paternal love, provided we rely on that favour which you have promised to us through your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 114 (Jeremiah 30.8 - 11)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are born wholly alienated from your kingdom and the hope of salvation, and because a dreadful scattering awaits us except you gather us by the power and grace of your Spirit: O grant, since you have adopted us as your people and have been pleased to gather us under the yoke of Christ, that we may remain in obedience to him and thus continue under your government that, after having completed our course in this life, we may come to that kingdom where we shall enjoy all those good things which now we taste only by hope, through the same, Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 115 (Jeremiah 30.12 - 18)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are so slow to consider your judgments and be continually hardened in our sins: O grant that, being really moved by the many warnings by which you invite and stimulate us to repent, we may learn to humble ourselves and so submit to your chastisements, that we may receive that mercy which turns whatever evil may happen to us to our good and salvation, until we shall be gathered into that blessed rest which is prepared for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 116 (Jeremiah 30.19 - 22)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have manifested to us in your only-begotten Son all the paternal goodness which our fathers formerly tasted, and have so really and fully exhibited it that nothing more can be desired by us: O grant

that we may remain fixed in our trust in you, and so cleave by true faith and in sincerity of heart to our Redeemer, that we may expect from him all things necessary for our salvation; and may we know that, whatever may happen to us, we are still blessed, provided we enjoy this singular privilege to call on you as our Father through the name of the same your Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 117 (Jeremiah 30.23 - 31.5)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have testified that you are to us a Father through your only-begotten Son, that we may not only taste of that promise, but be also wholly satisfied with it, and remain in it constantly, until, having gone through all evils, we may attain the full manifestation of it, when you gather us into that blessed rest which is the fruit of your eternal adoption, through the same Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 118 (Jeremiah 31.6 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have so often been pleased to receive into favour your ancient people, though extremely provoked by their perverse wickedness: O grant that mercy may also at this time be shown to us and that, though we wholly deserve to perish eternally, you may yet stretch forth your hand to us and grant us a testimony of your favour, that we may be able, with a cheerful mind, to call on you as our Father and ever entertain hope of your mercy, until we shall be gathered into that kingdom where we shall perfectly render to you the sacrifice of praise, and rejoice in the fruition of that eternal life which has been procured for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 119 (Jeremiah 31.9 - 13)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are still in our state of pilgrimage, and as you make us partakers of your goodness according what you know to be necessary for us: O grant that, being ever reminded of your benefits, we may aspire to higher things and, through all the temptations with which we must contend, we may advance toward the goal set before us, looking for that perfect felicity

in heaven of which a few sparks only now shine before our eyes, and thus carry on a warfare under the banner of your Son, not doubting that triumph is prepared for us in the blessed life which has been obtained by his blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 120 (Jeremiah 31.14 - 18)

Grant, Almighty God, because we are always carried away by our own vanities, and as the licentiousness and insolence of our flesh are such that we never follow you and submit to your will: O grant that we may profit more and more under your scourges and never perversely harden ourselves, but learn to know that, even when you appear rigid, you have a regard for our salvation, so that, turning to you, we may strive during the rest of our life to glorify your name through your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 121 (Jeremiah 31.18 - 21)

Grant, Almighty God, as pertinacity is inbred in us so that we always struggle against you and are never tractable until we are renewed by your Spirit: O grant that your chastisements, by which you would restore us to a sound mind, may not prove ruinous to us, but so influence us by your Spirit within that, being really humbled, we may acknowledge you as our Judge and Father; as our Judge that we may be displeased with ourselves and, being touched by your judgment, may we condemn ourselves; and as our Father may we may flee to that mercy which is offered daily to us in the gospel, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 122 (Jeremiah 31.22 - 30)

Grant, Almighty God, since you warn us each day by so many evidences of your wrath, that we may in due time repent: O grant that we may not be slow to consider your work and the doctrine which you add, but anticipate your extreme vengeance, and thus be made capable of receiving your mercy that, as you freely offer it to us, we may anxiously embrace it and retain it in our hearts by true faith, that you may continue its course toward us until we shall

reach that blessed rest which has been prepared for us in heaven by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 123 (Jeremiah 31.31 - 34)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have favoured us with so singular a benefit as to make through your Son a covenant which has been ratified for our salvation: O grant that we may be partakers of it, and know that you so speak with us that you not only show by your Word what is right, but speak also to us inwardly by your Spirit, and thus render us teachable and obedient; that there may be an evidence of our adoption, and a proof that you will govern and rule us until, at last, we shall be really and fully united to you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 124 (Jeremiah 31.34 - 36)

Grant, Almighty God, as we enjoy the light of the sun by day and of the moon by night, that we may learn to raise higher our eyes and not be like the unbelieving who have this benefit in common with us; may we look forward in hope of our eternal salvation, not doubting, as you set before our eyes a proof of your immovable constancy in these created things, that our salvation is secure and certain, founded on your most certain truth which renders sure all things, until at length we come into that blessed kingdom, which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 125 (Jeremiah 31.37 - 32.3)

Grant, Almighty God, since we do not cease each day to provoke your wrath against us, that we may be warned by your word and repent, and so humble ourselves before you that we may anticipate the rigour of your judgment; also, being chastised by your hand, may we not become hardened but be submissive to you and teachable, and may we so profit under your discipline that, being at length wholly devoted to you, we may have no other object than to glorify your holy name until we shall become partakers of that glory which your only-begotten Son has obtained for us. Amen.

#### Lecture 126 (Jeremiah 32.4 - 15)

Grant, Almighty God, since we have at this time the evidence of eternal salvation sealed in earthen vessels, and since you invite us to the hope of that blessed inheritance by the voice of men: O grant that we may not judge the permanence of your faithfulness by the appearance of those whom you have made our ministers but, relying on your perpetuity, may we never doubt that that life will be kept safe for us, which now every moment seems to vanish away, until we shall come at last to the full fruition of it in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 127 (Jeremiah 32.16 - 20)

Grant, Almighty God, as our whole wisdom is to submit ourselves to you, to admire, receive, and reverently to adore your judgments: O grant that we may not indulge the perverse thoughts of our flesh but so learn to check and restrain ourselves so as to render to you at all times the praise due to your wisdom, and justice, and power, and thus walk in sobriety of mind while we sojourn in this world, until we shall contemplate at length your glory face to face, being made partakers of it in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 128 (Jeremiah 32.21 - 29)

Grant, Almighty God, since you show that you rule over the whole world so as to exercise a peculiar care over us, whom you have been pleased to gather into the bosom of your Church: O grant that we may be so restrained by your awful power within the bounds of our duty, that we may be fully persuaded always that you are our God and Father, and thus submit ourselves willingly to your word, and not only taste of your goodness, which is laid up for your children, but also feed upon it, that at length we may come into your blessed kingdom above, where there will be full satisfaction and fruition, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 129 (Jeremiah 32.30 - 34)

Grant, Almighty God, since you stretch forth your hand to us daily and also invite us by continual exhortations to repentance: O grant that we may not be so ungrateful that by our obstinacy we reject so great a benefit; but, if at any time we should happen to turn from the right way, may we immediately turn to you and become obedient to your will, that the medicine which you have provided for us may avail for our salvation until, being purified from all vices, we shall enjoy that blessed and immortal glory which you have prepared for us in heaven, through your only-begotten Son, our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 130 (Jeremiah 32.35 - 39)

Grant, Almighty God, since our earthly life is appointed to be a life of warfare, and we must necessarily be exposed to continual disquietude as long as we sojourn here: O grant that we may always look forward to that blessed rest to which you invite us and, in the meantime, may we remain quiet in dependence on your protection and courageously fight to the end, not doubting that through your favour all things shall turn out for good until, at length, we shall enjoy that eternal and glorious inheritance which is laid up for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen

#### Lecture 131 (Jeremiah 32.39 - 41)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are by nature wholly addicted to evil and bring nothing from the womb but depravity: O grant that, being regenerated by your Spirit, we may strive to please and obey you; and, as our frailty is such that we may at any moment fall away, supply us with firmness and constancy that we may never faint in the middle of our course but constantly obey you that, at length, we may enjoy that blessed rest which is prepared for us after we have passed through our earthly warfare, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 132 (Jeremiah 32.42 - 33.6)

Grant, Almighty God, that we may so learn to humble ourselves under your mighty hand whenever you chastise us, that we may not faint in our miseries

but flee to your mercy with more confidence and, acknowledging our sins, may we be so displeased with ourselves that we may never lose the taste of your mercy; may we gird ourselves up to entertain good hope and call upon you; grant that we shall find that our prayers are not in vain; and may we ever thus find comfort in the evils that beset us that we may enjoy that perfect felicity which you have prepared for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 133 (Jeremiah 33.6 - 11)

Grant, Almighty God, because often we do not cease to separate ourselves from you, may we at least know that reconciliation is prepared for us, provided we seek it by a true and sincere faith in your only-begotten Son, and so return to you really loathing ourselves on account of our sins; and, relying on your infinite mercy, may we never doubt that you will be reconciled to us, until having finished our present course of life, and being cleansed from all the pollutions of the flesh, we shall be clothed with that celestial glory, which your Son by his death and resurrection has obtained for us. Amen.

#### Lecture 134 (Jeremiah 33.12 - 16)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have been pleased to perform for the Jews what you promised by sending the Saviour, and have also designed, by pulling down the middle wall of partition, to make us partakers of the same invaluable blessing: O grant that we may embrace him with true faith and constantly abide in him, that we may know you as our Father and, being renewed by the Spirit of your Son, we may wholly devote ourselves to you and consecrate ourselves to your service, until that which is begun in us be completed and we be filled with that glory to which your Son, our Lord, daily invites us. Amen.

#### Lecture 135 (Jeremiah 33.17 - 26)

Grant, Almighty God, as you set before us each day, both in the heavens and on the earth, an illustrious example, not only of your power and wisdom but also of your goodness and faithfulness: O grant that we may learn to raise up our thoughts still higher, even to that hope which is laid up for us in heaven,

and that we may suffer ourselves to be agitated by the various changes of this world that our hope may remain fixed in you and that, whatever may happen, we may be fully persuaded that you will be in such a way our Father, that at length we shall enjoy that blessed rest which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 136 (Jeremiah 34.1 - 5)

Grant, Almighty God, as it is always expedient for us often to be chastised by your hand: O grant that we may learn to bear your scourges with patience and with quiet minds and, acknowledging our sins, may we not at the same time doubt that you will be merciful to us; with this confidence may we ever flee to you to seek pardon; may it avail also to increase our repentance that we may strive more and more to put off all the vices of the flesh and to put on the new man, that your image may be renewed in us until we shall come to partake of that eternal glory which you have prepared for us in heaven, through Christ your Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 137 (Jeremiah 34.6 - 15)

Grant, Almighty God, since we have been redeemed by your only-begotten Son not only from temporal servitude, but also from the miserable tyranny of the devil and death: O grant that we may acknowledge you as our Deliverer, and wholly devote ourselves to you, that we may also labour to serve one another and, by mutual acts of kindness, so cherish among ourselves brotherly love that it may appear that you indeed rule among us, and that we are subject to you through the same, your Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 138 (Jeremiah 34.16 - 22)

Grant, Almighty God, as we do not cease continually to provoke your wrath against us: O grant that, being terrified by your warnings, we may obey your wise counsels, and by anticipating your vengeance, which would otherwise remain on us, may we labour to be so reconciled to you, that we may really find you to be our Father and the guardian of our salvation until, having



finished our course here on earth, we shall come to that blessed rest which you have prepared for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 139 (Jeremiah 35.1 - 7)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have been pleased to adopt us for your children, and also to show to us what pleases you: O grant that we may in all things be obedient to you, and never turn aside either to the right hand or to the left; and as you exhort us also continually, and stir us onward, grant that we may, in quiet meekness of spirit, so surrender ourselves to be ruled by you, as to prove ourselves to be your children, and to glorify you as our Father, until we shall enjoy that eternal inheritance which is laid up for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 140 (Jeremiah 35.8 - 16)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have made known to us by your servants, not only once but often, the way of salvation, and have sent also your only-begotten Son to be to us a teacher of perfect wisdom: O grant that we may so submit to you and so consecrate to you our whole life, that he who died for our salvation and rose again, may peaceably rule us by the doctrine of his gospel; and that we may strive to glorify you in this world, so that we may at last be made partakers of that celestial glory which the same your Son our Lord has obtained for us. Amen.

#### Lecture 141 (Jeremiah 35.17 - 36.6)

Grant, Almighty God, as we do not cease continually to provoke your anger against us, that we may at length return to you, and that every one may so examine his life that, being prostrate under a sense of your wrath, we may betake ourselves to the only true remedy, even to implore you and to seek forgiveness; and also graciously meet us that we may in sure faith call on you, and, in the meantime, find really by experience that our prayers are not in vain, until we shall at length have a perfect enjoyment of your mercy, in your celestial kingdom. Amen.

#### Lecture 142 (Jeremiah 36.7 - 16)

Grant, Almighty God, as daily you are pleased to invite us to yourself, that we may respond to your call in the spirit of meekness and obedience; and also seriously impress our minds that we may not only confess our sins, but also loathe ourselves on account of them, that we may without delay seek the true remedy and, relying on your mercy, may so repent that your name may hereafter be glorified in us, until we shall at length become partakers of that glory which your Son has obtained for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 143 (Jeremiah 36.17 - 26)

Grant, Almighty God, since daily you invite us with kindness to yourself, and also terrify us in order to correct our tardiness and sloth: O grant that we may not obstinately resist you and your word, but be so allured by your condescension and subdued by your threatenings that, in real fear, we may flee to your mercy, and never hope for any other remedy except we obtain salvation through being reconciled to you, and that we may so seek you in true penitence and by true faith that you may come to our aid and be propitious to us through your only-begotten Son our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 144 (Jeremiah 36.27 - 32)

Grant, Omnipotent God, since you warn us by remarkable examples that the ungodly by obstinately resisting you do nothing but aggravate their own ruin: O grant that we may receive with meek hearts the admonitions of your prophets, submit to you, be humbled by your threatenings, and tremble at your word that, being touched with the feeling of true repentance and reconciled to you by faith, we may find you to be the best and the kindest Father to obedient children, until we shall at length enjoy that eternal inheritance which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 145 (Jeremiah 37.1- 10)

Grant, Omnipotent God, as you have been pleased in kindness to invite us to yourself and set before us the reconciliation which is through your only-begotten Son: O grant that we may not proceed in our wickedness so as to provoke you more and more against us and to kindle the fire of your vengeance on our own heads, but that we may submit ourselves to you as to flee in sincere repentance and true faith to your mercy, that we may find you to be propitious to us, and that you may thus afford us reason to give glory to your name, having shown mercy to us, through the same, your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 146 (Jeremiah 37.11 - 20)

Grant, Almighty God, as we must in various ways carry on a warfare on earth, that we may be animated by the power of your Spirit so as to go on through fire and water, and be ever subject to you that, relying on your aid, we may never hesitate to face all perils of death, all troubles, all reproaches, and all the terrors of men, until having at length gained the final victory, we shall come to that blessed rest, which your only-begotten Son has procured for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 147 (Jeremiah 37.21 - 38.5)

Grant, Almighty God, since with so much kindness you invite us daily to yourself, and also give us time to repent and offer to us the hope of mercy and salvation if we return to you: O grant that we may not pass by such benevolent warnings with deaf ears but in due time attend to you and, with true and sincere acknowledgment of all our sins, surrender up ourselves to you that we may find you to be merciful; and, when we return to you, may we continue in obedience to you that we may receive your constant kindness, until the full fruition of it shall be given us in your celestial kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 148 (Jeremiah 38.6 - 14)

Grant, Omnipotent God, since the life of your servants ought to be deemed precious by us, that each of us, according to his ability, may strive to do his part in this respect and, in the meantime, so cultivate mutual love that we may assist one another in time of necessity, and that we may also be so solicitous respecting your servants that we consecrate all our efforts, all our labours, and all our services to you, and thus strive to please you that all our doings may be directed to this end until, having at length finished the course of our present warfare, we shall come to that rest in your celestial kingdom which has been procured for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 149 (Jeremiah 38.15 - 22)

Grant, Almighty God, since by constant exhortations you invite us each day to repentance, that we may seriously reflect on your goodness and, in due time, return to you and submit to your will, and never refuse to undergo the punishment you lay on us; and may we not in the meantime so provoke your extreme vengeance as to find you a rigorous judge, but ever experience, even under punishment, your paternal mercy until, at length, we shall come to the fullness of that joy which is laid up in heaven for us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 150 (Jeremiah 38.23 - 39.2)

Grant, Almighty God, because we are surrounded by so many dangers and through our sins bring on ourselves daily so many miseries: O grant that we may at least yield to your threatenings and learn, in due time, to seek your favour and to anticipate your judgment; may we humble ourselves under your mighty hand that we may find you propitious to us miserable sinners who flee to your mercy until, having at length been freed from all our sins, we shall appear before your tribunal and there receive the reward of our faith, even that blessed immortality which your only-begotten Son, our Lord, has procured for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 151 (Jeremiah 39.3 - 12)

Grant, Omnipotent God, since you have given us an awful proof of your wrath in the destruction of that city which you did choose, and in which you had had your holy habitation: O grant that we may learn to submit to you in true humility and obedience that we may not provoke your extreme displeasure but, on the contrary, anticipate it by real repentance and, being terrified by your threatenings, we may submit ourselves to you to obtain your mercy, and thus regard you as a Father who is ever propitious to all those who flee to you through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 152 (Jeremiah 39.13 - 40.4)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have promised that we shall be to you as the apple of your eye: O grant that we may ever flee under the shadow of your mercy, and that this alone may be our tranquillity in times of confusion and misery; and may we, at the same time, rest in confidence on your help that we may, in sincerity, perform what you command and do that which is our duty, that we may, by experience, find that all they who obey your voice are really sustained by your hand, and that those who look for the certain reward of their obedience from you are never disappointed; and may we carry on the warfare with perseverance in this life, that we may know that there is a reward laid up for us in heaven, when Christ your only-begotten Son shall appear. Amen.

#### Lecture 153 (Jeremiah 40.4 - 12)

Grant, Almighty God, as we are not sufficiently attentive in considering your judgments, that we may learn to become wise by the examples of others that we may reflect on what you teach us by your servants the prophets that we may apply it to our own use, and thus render ourselves teachable and obedient to you; and, especially when you chastise us with your scourges, that we may not resist your power but so submit to you that, at length, we may be raised up and comforted by your mercy and restored to a complete salvation, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 154 (Jeremiah 40.13 - 41.5)

Grant, Omnipotent God, since our life is exposed to innumerable dangers and you set before our eyes what happened to the best and choicest of your servants: O grant that we may flee to you, and resign ourselves wholly to your will, that we may know you are the guardian of our life; that not a hair of our head can fall without your hidden permission; and that we may also learn to ask of you the Spirit of wisdom and discretion that you yourself may guide our steps, because we are not able to defend our life from those many intrigues by which we are on every side surrounded, the whole world being opposed to us; we ask this, O Lord, that we may proceed in the course of our pilgrimage under your care and protection until we shall be removed into that blessed rest, which is laid up for us in heaven by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 155 (Jeremiah 41.6 - 15)

Grant, Omnipotent God, as this world is filled with the filth of the wicked, and as we are on every side surrounded by enemies: O grant that we may learn to flee under your protection and, so hide ourselves under the shadow of your wings, that we may look nowhere else for safety but from your defence; and that we may also know that everything that happens to us, our life and our death, are so ordered by your wonderful providence that all events help forward our salvation, so that we may go onward, not only through many calamities but, if need be, through the midst of slaughters, until we shall come to that blessed rest, which your only-begotten Son has obtained for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 156 (Jeremiah 41.16 - 42.6)

Grant, Almighty God, as here we are tossed to and fro, and are uncertain and doubtful, and are blind in thick darkness unless we are ruled by your word: O grant, while you shine on us by your Law and by your gospel, that we may be illuminated as to our minds by your Holy Spirit, that we may wholly surrender ourselves to you and never deviate from the right way which you have made known to us, but so pursue our course through life that, at length, we may

come to that blessed life which has been prepared for us in heaven by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 157 (Jeremiah 42.7 - 17)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have not only shown to us the way and the end to which we ought to proceed, but are pleased daily to stretch forth your hand to us and, by your constant exhortations, do invite and stimulate us to go onward: O grant that we may attend to your voice, and so renounce all the corrupt desires and lusts of our flesh, that nothing may hinder us wholly to submit to you, and to follow wherever you may call us that, at length, we may come to that blessed rest which you have prepared for us in heaven through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 158 (Jeremiah 42.18 - 43.3)

Grant, Almighty God, since we see what you did formerly threaten to all the despisers of your word, that we may learn to allow ourselves to be ruled by you, and surrender all our powers and faculties to your will, that we may receive immediately without any dispute whatever you command, and so prove our sincerity that our deeds may correspond with our words, and that our life may show that we do not falsely profess your holy name but declare what we have in our minds and what you yourself know, until the last day shall at length appear, when the books shall be opened, and all the thoughts of men shall be revealed, so that we may then appear upright in your sight, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 159 (Jeremiah 43.4 - 12)

Grant, Almighty God, because you have more than once shown to us the way in which we are to walk, but also daily exhort us to continue in it, and ever to go forward toward the right mark: O grant that we may never turn aside, but suffer ourselves to be ruled by your voice; and though temptations may drive us here and there, may we ever follow your command, and so persevere in obedience to you that, at length, by experience, we may find that it is our

happiness to commit ourselves to you, and to follow you as our leader, until you bring us into that celestial kingdom which has been prepared for us by your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 160 (Jeremiah 43.13 - 44.7)

Grant, Almighty God, since you do not cease continually to show to us your paternal love and care: O grant that we may not be so insensible as to turn a deaf ear to your teaching and admonitions; but, as you watch for our safety, may the constancy of our faith and obedience so respond to you that we may reverently receive your word, suffer ourselves to be ruled by it, and follow the way which you have set before us, until we shall attain complete salvation, and enjoy that blessed inheritance which has been prepared for us in heaven by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 161 (Jeremiah 44.8 - 16)

Grant, Almighty God, since you would prove our faith by many trials, that we may constantly persevere in the pure worship of your name and call on you in sincerity and truth; and, as we are surrounded and beset on every side by many pollutions, may we preserve ourselves pure and devoted to you, both in body and soul, and thus proceed through the whole course of our life that, at length, we may appear unpolluted before you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 162 (Jeremiah 44.16 - 23)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have not only in your Law prescribed to us what is right, and shown to us the way of a godly life, but have also more clearly revealed your will to us by the light of your gospel, where Christ, your Son, shines forth as the Sun of Righteousness: O grant that we may submit ourselves wholly to you and from the heart render you obedience, and to this apply all our efforts and direct all our doings so that, having finished the course of this life, we may come at length into that blessed rest which has been prepared for us in heaven by Christ our Lord. Amen.



#### Lecture 163 (Jeremiah 44.24 - 30)

Grant, Almighty God, since, by our adoption, you have favored us with the honour that of being able to call on your name: O grant that, with a pure mouth, we may call on you that you may be glorified among us through the whole course of our life; and that, whilst we labour to render to you that sincere obedience which you require, your truth may be more and more propagated among us; and that the memory of your name may flourish more and more until we shall come at length into that glory which we know is laid up for us in heaven by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 164 (Jeremiah 45.1 - 46.2)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have been pleased to call us to the spiritual warfare that we may never be wearied; and, as our weakness is so great that we are unequal to our conflicts: O grant that, being supported by the power of your Spirit, we may persevere in the course of your holy calling, and never be broken down by anything that may happen to us, but learn to break through all dangers that we may commit our life into your hands and, in the meantime, be prepared to live or to die until you gather us into that blessed rest which is laid up for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 165 (Jeremiah 46.3 - 12)

Grant, Almighty God, since we see that the most opulent kingdoms have not escaped your hand, that we may learn to rest only on your aid and to submit ourselves to you with due humility that we may be protected by your hand; and grant, because you have undertaken the care of our salvation, that our only true confidence may be that you will sustain us in all perils; and, in the meantime, may we fight under your banner with sincerity and uprightness of life until, at length, we shall enjoy the fruit of our victory in your celestial kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 166 (Jeremiah 46.13 - 21)

Grant, Almighty God, that we may not abuse your patience when you indulge us, nor become wanton in prosperity, but learn so to subdue ourselves of our own accord that we may obey you through the whole course of our life; may we mortify our flesh lest we be elated by pride and false confidence; and may we so live in your fear to revere you as the righteous Judge of the world; and, at the same time, may we rest on you as we acknowledge you to be our Father, since you have been pleased to adopt us in your only-begotten Son our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 167 (Jeremiah 46.22 - 28)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have testified that you will be a Father to us, and have given us a pledge of your adoption, your only-begotten Son: O grant that, trusting in your promise, we may never doubt, even when you severely chastise us, that at length you will be merciful to us, and that we may thus never cease to flee to your mercy, submit to you, and suffer ourselves to be corrected; and, in the meantime, may this hope sustain us and alleviate all our sorrows that, in all our miseries, we shall yet ever glorify your name, through the same, your Son our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 168 (Jeremiah 47.1 - 7)

Grant, Almighty God, as you would have exist a monument of your invaluable mercy towards your chosen people when you so grievously punished the unbelieving: O grant that we may resort to you whenever our enemies distress us, and never doubt that you will take care of our safety; may we so rest on your mercy that we may patiently wait for the time of our deliverance; and, in the meantime, may we see from on high, as in mirror, the punishment prepared for the unbelieving that we may not follow their example nor implicate ourselves in their vices, but separate ourselves from them that, being devoted to you, we may fight under the banner of your only-begotten Son, until he shall gather us into his celestial kingdom. Amen.

#### Lecture 169 (Jeremiah 48.1 - 11)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are so disposed to indulge slot and so devoted to earthly things that we easily forget our holy calling except you continually stimulate us: O grant that the afflictions by which you try us may effectually rouse us that, leaving the world, we may strive to come to you and devote ourselves wholly to your service; and, that we may so carry on the warfare under the various afflictions of the present life, may our minds and all our thoughts always be fixed on the hope of that eternal and blessed rest which your only-begotten Son our Lord has promised as having been prepared for us in heaven. Amen.

#### Lecture 170 (Jeremiah 48.12 - 27)

Grant, Almighty God, that we may learn not only to consider your judgments when they appear before our eyes, but also to fear them whenever they are announced, that we may implore your mercy, repent of our sins, patiently bear your paternal chastisements, and never murmur when you spare for a time the ungodly; teach us, with calm and resigned minds, to wait until the time comes when you will execute vengeance on them and gather us at the end of our warfare into the blessed rest above, giving us to enjoy that inheritance which you have prepared for us in heaven, and which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 171 (Jeremiah 48.27 - 35)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have deigned to receive us under your protection, that we may have you as our defence against our enemies; and, the more cruel and ferocious they become and the more heavily you chastise them, that we may find that you care for our salvation and flee to you with greater confidence; and that when we have experienced your mercy, we may more readily give you continual thanks, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 172 (Jeremiah 48.36 - 47)

Grant, Almighty God, as you were formerly pleased to extend your mercy to aliens who were wholly estranged from you that the children of Abraham,

whom you did adopt, might have a hope of deliverance: O grant that we may also, at this time, cast our eyes on the many proofs of your goodness manifested toward the ungodly and the unworthy, so that we apply this truth for our own benefit and never to doubt that, no matter how miserable we may be, you will ever be propitious to us, since you have deigned to choose us for your peculiar people, and have promised to be forever our God and Father in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 173 (Jeremiah 49.1 - 6)

Grant, Almighty God, as you formerly gave so many proofs of how great and singular was your love towards the children of Abraham, whom it had pleased you to choose as your people: O grant that, at this time, we may also enjoy the same favour since we have been admitted into a participation of the same union; that we may be so chastised that we never lose the hope of your mercy; and that we may so taste it that we meditate on that celestial kingdom which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 174 (Jeremiah 49.7 - 12)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have not only in your eternal counsel adopted us as your children, but have also inscribed on our hearts a sure sign and pledge of your paternal favour towards us: O grant that we may accustom ourselves to bear your scourges, and patiently to receive them without murmuring or complaining, but that we may ever look forward to the blessed rest and inheritance above, and at the same time dread the punishment that awaits the wicked, and that we may thus courageously persevere in our warfare until, at length, you gather us into that celestial kingdom which your only-begotten Son has procured for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 175 (Jeremiah 49.13 - 18)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have been pleased to stretch forth your hand to us, that we may be raised by faith above the world and learn to submit to you

in true humility, and to know how miserable our condition and life must be except we wholly rest on you alone, that we may be made partakers of that glory which you have purchased for us in heaven, and which your only-begotten Son, our Lord, has obtained for us. Amen.

#### Lecture 176 (Jeremiah 49.19 - 24)

Grant, Almighty God, as you set before our eyes memorable judgments, which ought to benefit us at this time, so that we may be kept under your yoke and under the fear of your law: O grant that we may not grow hardened by such threatenings but anticipate your wrath, and so submit to you that, whatever you denounce on the ungodly may turn to our comfort and be a cause of joy when we know that the salvation of your church is thus promoted, of which you have been pleased to regard and acknowledge us as members in your Son our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 177 (Jeremiah 49.24 - 32)

Grant, Almighty God, though the things related to us today from your prophets, concerning ancient nations, may seem as grown out of use: O grant that we may be seriously impressed whenever we read of your judgments as executed on any part of the world, that we may learn at this day wholly to submit to you and flee to your mercy, and that whatever may happen to us, we may never doubt that you will be propitious to us, if we seek you with a sincere heart and with unfeigned faith in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 178 (Jeremiah 49.32 - 39)

Grant, Almighty God, because you favour despairing men with some consolation even though justly and extremely indignant with them: O grant that, whenever we provoke your wrath, we may at the same time taste of your paternal mercy and learn to flee to you putting our hope in your only-begotten Son, so that we may never despair but ever look forward to that gathering, whose beginning is now seen, and whose final and complete accomplishment awaits us in heaven, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 179 (Jeremiah 50.1 - 6)

Grant, Almighty God, that we may not be inebriated with the sweetness of earthly blessings which you bestow continually on us, but learn to ascend to the hope of celestial life and eternal felicity and, in the meantime, have such a taste of your blessings that we may know that you are an inexhaustible fountain of all felicity, so that we may cleave to you with a sincere heart and in perfect integrity until, at length, we shall be brought to the full fruition of that kingdom which your only-begotten Son has procured for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 180 (Jeremiah 50.7 - 12)

Grant, Almighty God, that though daily we do not cease to provoke your wrath by our many sins, we may yet, with confidence, flee to your mercy and, though you seem for a time to cast us away, that we may not yet cast away hope founded on your eternal word but relying on the Mediator, in whom we always find the price of expiation, may we never hesitate to call on you as our Father; and, in the meantime, may we find by experience you to be such toward us that we may cheerfully look forward to that celestial inheritance, which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 181 (Jeremiah 50.13 - 20)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have been so merciful toward your ancient people and, however grievously you might have been offended, yet you did preserve a remnant to whom you gave tokens of your mercy: O grant that it may please you so to allure us also at this time; and although we may deserve a thousand times to be condemned by you, yet deign to receive us in your only-begotten Son and, through him, show yourself reconciled to us to the end of our life; and be our Father in death itself that we may live and die for you, and acknowledge this to be the only true way of salvation until, at length, we

shall enjoy that celestial inheritance which has been obtained for us by the blood of the same, your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 182 (Jeremiah 50.21 - 25)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have been pleased to set before us your judgments on the unbelieving, that we may not only fear you but also learn to cast on you the hope of our salvation, that we may make progress in the truth, that we may neither be insensible to your threatenings, nor tremble in our extreme evils, but learn to raise up to you our eyes that, during the whole course of our life, we may call on you through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 183 (Jeremiah 50.26 - 34)

Grant, Almighty God, because you have deigned to take us under your protection, that we may always raise up our eyes to your infinite power and, when we see all things not only confounded but also trodden under foot by the world, that we may not doubt that your power is sufficient to deliver us, so that we may perpetually call on your name and, with firm constancy, so fight against all temptations that, at length, we may enjoy in your celestial kingdom the fruit of our victory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 184 (Jeremiah 50.35 - 42)

Grant, Almighty God, since you teach us by the example of the ungodly to fear your name, that we may learn to submit our necks to your word, and willingly and, as it becomes us, submissively to receive your yoke, that while we strive to glorify your name, being safe under your protection, we may disregard all the attacks of our enemies, and all the assaults and onsets of Satan, who is the captain of all our enemies, until, at length, we shall enjoy our victory in the celestial kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 185 (Jeremiah 50.43 - 51.3)

Grant Almighty God, since you were formerly so solicitous respecting the salvation of your people as to undertake war, for their sake, against a most powerful nation: O grant that, at this time, we may also know that we shall be

safe and secure under the protection of your hand, and may we so experience your power that there may be for us a just reason for glorying in you, and that our enemies may be confounded in order that your glory may shine forth more and more, and that the kingdom of your only-begotten Son may also be thus promoted. Amen.

#### Lecture 186 (Jeremiah 51.4 - 10)

Grant, Almighty God, since formerly you put forth your wonderful power to help your miserably afflicted people: O grant that at this time the same power may be put forth on our behalf, and that the same evidence of your grace and paternal favour may be shown to us, by raising up your terrible hand to destroy all the ungodly who cruelly oppress your innocent people that, being delivered by your hand, we may learn ever to give thanks to you, in the name of your only-begotten Son. Amen

#### Lecture 187 (Jeremiah 51.11 - 16)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have deigned to receive us under your protection, that we may learn to rest on the power of your hand and, as so many terrors on every side meet us through the assaults and cruelty of our enemies, that we may yet continue firm and persevere in calling on your name, until you appear as our Redeemer, not only once but whenever we may need your help, until at length you gather us into that blessed rest which has been prepared for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 188 (Jeremiah 51.17 - 24)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have favored us with the light of your gospel, in which we see your glory, and into which we may be also transformed, except prevented by our unbelief: O grant that, with fixed eyes, we may ever study that knowledge which once for all has been made known to us, until at length, having followed the way there set before us, we shall come to the fullness of that celestial glory which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.



#### Lecture 189 (Jeremiah 51.25 - 32)

Grant, Almighty God, because you did formerly testify your favour towards your Church by not sparing the greatest of monarchies: O grant that we may know you at this time to be the same toward all your faithful people who call upon you; and as the power and cruelty of our enemies are so great, raise up your hand against them, and show that you are the perpetual defender of your Church, so that we may have reason to magnify your goodness in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 190 (Jeremiah 51.33 - 41)

Grant, Almighty God, since you are pleased at this time to receive us for your people, that we may enjoy the same favour to the end, and be sheltered under your wings; and though we deserve to be wholly cast away, yet, if you chastise us for a time, deal with us with moderate severity, and chastise us in judgment, and not with extreme rigour; and then, after darkness, let your serene face appear, until at length, we shall enjoy that full light to which you invite us daily through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 191 (Jeremiah 51.42 - 48)

Grant, Almighty God, since you not only testify to us that you will be the Redeemer of your Church, into which you have been pleased to introduce us, but have also really manifested yourself to us in your only-begotten Son: O grant that we may patiently bear all the contests and afflictions by which you now prove our faith, and that we may perseveringly fight under the cross until, having gone through all our trials, we shall at length enjoy eternal glory, when we shall find you to be our complete Redeemer, through the same Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 192 (Jeremiah 51.49 - 56)

Grant, Almighty God, when you hide at this time your face from us, that the miserable despair we apprehend may not overwhelm our faith nor obscure our

view of your goodness and grace, but that in the thickest darkness your power, which can raise us above the world, may ever appear to us that we may courageously fight to the end, and never doubt that you will at length be the defender of your Church which now seems to be oppressed, until we shall enjoy our perfect happiness in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 193 (Jeremiah 51.57 - 64)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have deigned to choose us to be your people, that we may not doubt that our enemies will be before you like Babylon, that when you have chastised us, you will at length, by a fatal and perpetual destruction, so lay them prostrate that they shall rise up no more; and when you have killed the body, manifest yourself as our deliverer, until we shall at length be gathered into that celestial kingdom which has been prepared for us by your only-begotten Son. Amen.

### **Lamentations**

#### Lecture 1 (Lamentations 1.1 - 5)

Grant, Almighty God, because the deformity of your Church at this time is sufficient to dishearten us all, that we may learn to look to your hand, and know that the reward of our sins is rendered to us, and that we may not doubt that you will be our physician to heal our wound, provided we flee to your mercy; and you retain us in the assurance of your goodness and paternal care, that we may not hesitate, even in extreme evils, to call on you in the name of your only-begotten Son, until we shall find by experience that never in vain are the prayers of those who, relying on your promises, patiently look for a remedy from you alone, even in extreme evils and in death itself. Amen.

#### Lecture 2 (Lamentations 1.6 - 10)

Grant, Almighty God, because we see your Church miserably afflicted, that we may direct our eyes to see our own sins and, so humble ourselves before your throne, that we may not cease to entertain hope and, in the midst of death, wait for life; and may this confidence open our mouth that we may

courageously persevere in calling on your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 3 (Lamentations 1.11 - 18)

Grant, Almighty God, because you have hitherto dealt so mercifully with us, that we may anticipate your dreadful judgment; and, if you should more severely chastise us, that we may not yet fail but, being humbled under your mighty hand, may we flee to your mercy and cherish this hope in our hearts that you will be a Father to us; and may we not hesitate to call continually on you until, being freed from all evils, we shall at length be gathered into your celestial kingdom, which your only-begotten Son has procured for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 4 (Lamentations 1.19 - 2.2)

Grant, Almighty God, as you set before us at this time those ancient examples by which we perceive with what heavy punishments you did chastise those whom you had adopted: O grant that we may learn to regard you, and carefully to examine our whole life, and duly consider how indulgently you have preserved us to this day, that we may ever patiently bear your chastisements and, with a humble and sincere heart, flee to your mercy until you be pleased to raise up your Church from that miserable state in which it now lies, and so restore it that your name may, through your only-begotten Son, be glorified throughout the whole world. Amen.

#### Lecture 5 (Lamentations 2.3 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, since so many tokens of your wrath meet us at this time, that we may without delay return to you and so submit to you in true repentance as to strive, at the same time, to be reconciled to you; and as a Mediator has been given to us to lead us to you, O grant that we may, by a true faith, seek him and follow wherever he may call us that, having been purified from all pollutions, we may be glorified by you, our Father, and may so call on you, that we may find your grace present in all our evils. Amen.

#### Lecture 6 (Lamentations 2.9 - 14)

Grant, Almighty God, though you chastise us as we deserve, that we may never have the light of truth extinguished among us, but may ever see, even in darkness, at least some sparks which may enable us to behold your paternal goodness and mercy, that we may especially be humbled under your mighty hand and, being really prostrate through a deep feeling of repentance, that we may raise our hopes to heaven and never doubt that you will at length be reconciled to us when we seek you in your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 7 (Lamentations 2.15 - 20)

Grant, Almighty God, as your Church at this time is oppressed with many evils, that we may learn to raise up not only our eyes and our hands to you but also our hearts, and that we may so fix our attention on you as to look for salvation from you alone; and, though despair may overwhelm us on earth, may the hope of your goodness ever shine on us from heaven that, relying on the Mediator whom you have given us, we may not hesitate to cry continually to you until we really find by experience that our prayers have not been in vain when you, pitying your Church, have extended your hand and given us cause to rejoice, and have turned our mourning into joy, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 8 (Lamentations 2.21 - 3.9)

Grant, Almighty God, because in former times you severely chastised your people, that we may in the present day patiently submit to all your scourges, and in a humble and meek spirit suffer ourselves to be chastised as we deserve; and, in the meantime, we may not cease to call on you, and however slowly you may seem to hear our prayers, may we persevere continually to the end until, at length, we shall really find that salvation is not promised in vain to all those who in sincerity of heart call on you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 9 (Lamentations 3.10 - 23)

Grant, Almighty God, because there are none of us who do not continually contend with many temptations, and because in our infirmity we are ready to succumb under them except you help us: O grant that we may be sustained by your invincible power, and also, when you would humble us, that we may loathe ourselves on account of our sins, and thus perseveringly contend until, having gained the victory, we shall give you the glory for your perpetual aid in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 10 (Lamentations 3.24 - 31)

Grant, Almighty God, because it is expedient for us to be daily chastised by your hand, that we may willingly submit to you and not doubt that you will be faithful and not prove us with too much rigour; and that you will consider our weakness that we may thus calmly bear all your chastisements until, at length, we shall enjoy that perfect blessedness which is now hid for us under hope and, as it were, sealed until Christ your Son shall reveal it at his coming. Amen.

#### Lecture 11 (Lamentations 3.32 - 39)

Grant, Almighty God, because we are at this time tossed here and there by so many troubles, and almost all things in the world are in confusion that, wherever we turn our eyes, nothing but thick darkness meets us: O grant that we may learn to surmount all obstacles, and to raise our eyes by faith above the world that we may acknowledge that everything which seems to us to happen by chance is governed by your wonderful counsel so that we may seek you and know that help will be ready for us through your mercy whenever we humbly seek the pardon of our sins, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 12 (Lamentations 3.40 - 51)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have hitherto spared us, that we may not grow torpid in our vices and, since you have already begun to deal more severely

with your Church, that we may be awakened by your chastisements and so humble ourselves under your mighty hand not doubting but that you will be propitious to us and, loathing ourselves on account of our sins, that we may be fully persuaded, provided we wait for you, that you will at length be merciful to us, affording us new reasons for joy and gratitude, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 13 (Lamentations 3.52 - 66)

Grant, Almighty God, because at this time ungodly and wholly reprobate men arrogantly rise up against your Church, that we may learn to flee to you, hide ourselves under the shadow of your wings, and fully hope for your salvation; and, no matter how disturbed the state of things may be, grant that we may never doubt that you will be propitious to us since we have so often found you to be our deliverer; and may we thus persevere confident of your grace and mercy, and be roused by this incentive to pray to you until, having gone through all our miseries, we shall at length enjoy that blessed rest which you have promised to us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 14 (Lamentations 4.1 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, because you show by your prophet that, after having long borne with your ancient people, your wrath did burn so as to render final judgment above all others remarkable: O grant that we may not at this time, by our obstinacy or by our sloth, provoke your wrath, but be attentive to your threatenings and obey your paternal invitations, and may we willingly devote ourselves to your service that, as you have hitherto favoured us with your blessings, you may perpetuate them until, at length, we shall enjoy the fullness of all good things in your celestial kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 15 (Lamentations 4.10 - 17)

Grant, Almighty God, because we are beset on every side with so many allurements and Satan does not cease to draw us here and there by vain flatteries: O grant that we may rest on you alone, even on your power, and on your word; that we may not doubt that you will be our deliverer whatever may happen; and that we may always seek you in our straits and acquiesce in the faithfulness of your promises, that we may calmly sustain all the assaults of afflictions until, at length, you gather us into that blessed rest which is prepared for us in heaven by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 16 (Lamentations 4.18 - 22)

Grant, Almighty God, because you see at this time that the mouths, not only of our enemies but of yours also, are open to speak evil: O grant that no occasion may be given them, especially as their slanders are cast on your holy name; but restrain their insolence and so spare us that, though we deserve to be chastised, you may yet have regard for your own glory, and thus gather us under Christ our head, and restore your scattered Church until, at length, we shall be all gathered into that celestial kingdom which your only-begotten Son, our Lord, has procured for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 17 (Lamentations 5.1 - 13)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have stretched forth your hand to consecrate us a people to yourself: O grant that your paternal favour may perpetually shine on us and that, on the other hand, we may strive always to glorify your name that, having embraced us, we may continue your goodness until, at length, we shall enjoy the fullness of all blessings in your celestial kingdom, which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 18 (Lamentations 5.12 - 22)

Grant, Almighty God, as you did formerly execute judgments so severe on your people: O grant that these chastisements may at this time teach us to fear

your name and keep us in watchfulness and humility, and that we may so strive to pursue the course of our calling that we may find that you are always our leader, that your hand is stretched forth to us, and that your aid is ever ready for us until, being at length gathered into your celestial kingdom, we shall enjoy that eternal life which your only-begotten Son has obtained for us by his own blood. Amen.

## **Ezekiel**

### Lecture 1 (Ezekiel 1.1 - 3)

Grant, Almighty God, since you blessed your people with the continued grace of your Spirit when they were cast out of their inheritance, and did raise up a prophet even from the lowest depths, who should recall them to life when it was all but despaired of: O grant that, although the Church in these days is miserably afflicted under your hand, we may not be destitute of your consolation, but show us, through your pity, that life may be looked for even in the midst of death; that we may bear all your chastisements patiently, until you shall show yourself as our reconciled Father and, at length, we be gathered into that happy kingdom where we shall enjoy our full felicity in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Lecture 2 (Ezekiel 1.4 - 9)

Almighty God, since by our dullness we are so fixed down to earth that, when you stretch forth your hand to us, we cannot reach forth to you, grant that, being roused up by your Spirit, we may learn to raise our affections to you and to strive against our sluggishness until, by a nearer approach, you may become so familiarly known to us that, at length, we may arrive at the fruition of full and perfect glory laid up for us in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Lecture 3 (Ezekiel 1.10 - 16)

Grant, O Almighty God, since you wish us to be subject to so many changes that we cannot settle on earth with quiet minds: grant, I pray, that, being



subject to so varying a condition, we may seek our rest in heaven and always aspire to behold your glory that what our eyes cannot discern may shine upon us from there; and may we so acknowledge your hand and power in the government of the whole world that we may repose upon your paternal care until we arrive at the enjoyment of that happy rest which has been acquired for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 4 (Ezekiel 1.17 - 24)

Grant, Almighty God, though we have wandered far from you, that we may be taught by your word and hold on in the right way of approach to yourself, and by faith contemplate what is otherwise hidden from us, and thus depend entirely on you. May we so rely on your providence as not to doubt our perfect safety while our life and salvation are in your care, that while tossed about by various storms, we may remain quiet until, at length, we enjoy that blessed and eternal rest which you have prepared for us in heaven by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 5 (Ezekiel 1.25 - 28)

Grant, O Almighty God, since by your unbounded goodness you have counted us worthy of such honour as to descend to earth in the person of your only-begotten Son, and to appear familiarly to us daily in your gospel in which we contemplate your living image: grant, I pray, that we may not abuse so great a benefit to vain curiosity, but may be truly transformed into your glory, and so proceed more and more in the renewal of our mind and conduct that, at length, we may be gathered to that eternal glory which has been obtained for us by your only-begotten Son our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 6 (Ezekiel 2.1 - 5)

Grant, O Almighty God, since you have counted us worthy of enjoying the privilege of daily listening to your word, that we may not have hearts of stone or minds of iron but, may we so submit ourselves to you with all due docility, that we may truly perceive you to be our Father, and may be confirmed in the

confidence of our adoption as long as you persevere to address us, until at length we enjoy not merely your voice but also the aspect of your glory in your heavenly kingdom, which your only-begotten Son has acquired for us by his blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 7 (Ezekiel 2.5 - 10)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have this day deigned to invite us to yourself with the testimony of your paternal favour, that we may not be as the beasts of the forest but submit ourselves calmly to you, and so follow where you call us, that we may in reality feel you to be our Father; and thus may we live under the protection of your hand as long as we are pilgrims in this world, that being gathered at length into your heavenly kingdom, we may cleave entirely to you and your only-begotten Son, who is our felicity and glory. Amen.

#### Lecture 8 (Ezekiel 3.1 - 11)

Grant, Almighty God, since you desire that the teaching of your prophet should be set before us many ages after his death, that we be neither obdurate nor rebellious, but may we submit ourselves to you with all due reverence and obedience, that the labour which ended in the condemnation of your ancient people through their contumacy, may this day be salutary to us, and may we so follow what you teach through him that we may tend to the goal to which you call us until, after finishing our course with perseverance, we may be gathered together within your celestial kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 9 (Ezekiel 3.12 - 17)

Grant, Almighty God, since you condescend to interest yourself in our salvation, and stir up your servants to be to us instead of eyes that we may know your watchfulness over us lest we perish: grant, I pray, that we may be so roused by the holy admonitions which flow from you through their ministry and service, that if we have turned aside from the right way we may speedily return to it, and so go forward in our course and be endued with such

perseverance that we may arrive, at length, at the fruition of that blessed rest which has been obtained for us by the blood of your Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 10 (Ezekiel 3.18 - 20)

O Almighty God, grant, as you appoint the ministers of your doctrine, whom you raise up as watchmen over us on this condition that they be vigilant for our safety: grant that we also may be attentive to their instruction, and avoid a double destruction, through our own fault, by error and obstinacy; but if we should happen to wander, may we be wise again immediately we are blamed, and so return into the right way never to desert it again but persevere to the end, that we may enjoy, at length, that eternal blessedness which is laid up for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 11 (Ezekiel 3.21 - 4.3)

Grant, Almighty God, since you so graciously invite us to yourself, and do not cease, even if we be deaf, to continue towards us the same goodness: grant that we may be disciplined to obedience and permit ourselves to be ruled only by your word; grant also that we may not obey only just for a single day or a short period, but persevere until at the close of life's journey we may be gathered to your celestial repose, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 12 (Ezekiel 4.4 - 11)

Almighty God, since you have thus far sustained us by your inestimable clemency, grant that we may not abuse your goodness and by our perverseness provoke your vengeance against us, but may we prevent your judgment and so submit ourselves to you that you may take us into your confidence and protect us against all our enemies; and supply us bountifully with whatever is needful for us and, since you wish us to restrain our natural desires, may we never be deficient in spiritual food but be continually refreshed with it until, at length, we enjoy that fullness which is promised us and laid up for us in heaven by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 13 (Ezekiel 4.12 - 5.4)

Grant, Almighty God, since you proclaimed such a proof of your fierce anger against your ancient people that we may today learn wisdom from the suffering of others and subject ourselves obediently to you: grant that you may receive us into favour, and show yourself so propitious to us that, by your pardon, we may be restored from death to life, until we enjoy that eternal blessedness which is provided for us by your only-begotten Son our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 14 (Ezekiel 5.5 - 11)

Grant, Almighty God, since at this time you have so familiarly manifested yourself to us in the gospel of Christ our Lord, that we may learn to raise our eyes to the light which has been prepared for us; and grant that we may have them so fixed that we may be directed and urged toward the object of our existence until, the duties of our calling being finished, we may be at length with you and enjoy with you that glory which your only-begotten Son acquired for us by his blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 15 (Ezekiel 5.12 - 17)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are so dull and heavy, that we may be awoken in time by your threats and submit ourselves to your power, that we may not experience by our destruction how formidable it is but profit under your rod when you correct us like a father; and may we become wise that, through the whole course of our life, we may proceed in the continual pursuit and meditation of true repentance; and, having put off the vices and filth of the flesh, may we be reformed into true purity until, at length, we arrive at the enjoyment of the celestial glory laid up for us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 16 (Ezekiel 6.1 - 6.8)

Grant, Almighty God, since you desire a continual memorial of your former remarkable judgments on your people, that we may at this time restrict ourselves to your pure worship; grant, we pray, that we may be teachable by you and never attempt to adulterate your worship by our devices; and, since

you have clearly manifested your will to us through your only-begotten Son, may we remain obedient to him, and may we so invoke you, the Father, in his name, while we are pilgrims in the world, until at the last we arrive at that blessed inheritance which is laid up for us in heaven by the same your Son, our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 17 (Ezekiel 6.9 - 13)

Grant, Almighty God, since you do not only lay before us in your Word the ancient examples of your anger by which we may be restrained within your pure and perfect worship, but also you have so clearly manifested yourself to us through your only-begotten Son that we cannot err unless we are insane: grant, we pray, that we may be not only docile and moral but attentive to that doctrine which is contained in your gospel, that we may be directed by this perfect light until we arrive at length at full and solid alliance with the Sun of righteousness, Christ Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 18 (Ezekiel 6.14 - 7.8)

Grant, Almighty God, that, being admonished by such remarkable proofs of your wrath, we may learn to walk anxiously in your sight and so bring ourselves into voluntary obedience to yourself, that the certain testimony to our gratuitous adoption may appear in our life; and grant that we may so prove ourselves to be sons that we may truly invoke you, the Father, until we arrive at that blessed inheritance which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 19 (Ezekiel 7.9 - 18)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have recalled us to yourself, that we may not grow torpid in our sins, nor yet become hardened by your chastisements, but forestall your final judgments, and so humble ourselves under your powerful hand that we may seriously testify and really prove our repentance; may we so seek to obey you that we may advance more and more in newness of life until, at length, we put off all the defilements of the flesh, and arrive at the

enjoyment of that eternal rest which your only-begotten Son has acquired for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 20 (Ezekiel 7.19 - 26)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have hitherto deigned to guard us safely by your power, and have driven away so many violent assaults from us, and turned away so many perverse counsels of our enemies, and snatched us from numberless evils: grant that we may so value your benefits toward us that we may be grateful in return and so devote ourselves obediently to you that your holy name may be glorified through our whole life in your only-begotten Son our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 21 (Ezekiel 7.26 - 8.6)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have treated us so indulgently and thus far, when provoked by our iniquities, have shown yourself a propitious Father to us that we may no longer abuse your patience but return directly to your way and submit ourselves to you; and, being humbled by a true sense of penitence, grant that we may be so dissatisfied with our sins that we may devote ourselves to you with our whole heart and follow the direction of your holy calling until, after finishing the pursuits of this life, we may arrive at that happy repose which your only-begotten Son has acquired for us by his blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 21 (Ezekiel 8.6 - 14)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have delivered to us a sure rule of worship which cannot deceive us, and since your Son became for us a perfect master of all wisdom and solid piety, that we may obediently follow whatever he prescribes for us, and turn neither to the right hand nor the left but, being content with that simplicity which we have learnt from his gospel, may go on in our holy calling until, at length that pursuit being finished, we may arrive at the perfect state of your glory, and may so enjoy it that we may be transformed into it, as you have promised us by the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 23 (Ezekiel 8.15 - 9.4)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have deigned to approach us so familiarly, that in return we may also desire to approach you and remain in firm and holy union; that, whilst we persevere in that lawful course which you prescribe for us in your word, your blessings may increase toward us until you lead us to fullness, when you shall gather us into your celestial kingdom by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 24 (Ezekiel 9.4 - 9.9)

Grant, Almighty God, since in times past you chastised your people so harshly, that we may profit from their example; and may we be so restrained by fear of your name and obedience to your law that you may not pour forth your wrath against us; but when you chastise us, grant that it may all turn out for our good; and may we so feel ourselves to have been sealed by you, and to be acknowledged in the number of your sons until, at length, you shall gather us into that blessed inheritance which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 25 (Ezekiel 9.9 - 10.5)

Grant, Almighty God, since you now place before our eyes proofs of your anger, that we may not perversely provoke your wrath, like your ancient people; but, rather, may we so profit by this teaching as to grow wise in time and strive to be reconciled to you, and may we cast away all our depraved desires until, at length, we shall be gathered into that blessed rest which your only-begotten Son has procured for us by his blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 26 (Ezekiel 10.6 - 16)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are the work and fashioning of your hands, that we may know we exist and move in you alone, so that we may submit ourselves to you; and may we not only be ruled by your hidden providence, but may it be that we be obedient and submissive to you, as becomes sons,

that we may desire to glorify your name in the world until we arrive at the fruition of that blessed inheritance which is laid up for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 27 (Ezekiel 10.16 - 11.3)

Grant, Almighty God, as we know from your ancient people how great our hardness is, unless we are inclined by your Holy Spirit, and totally renewed for obedience to your doctrine, that as often as we hear your threatening we may be seriously frightened, and that we may desire to return to true and perfect obedience, not by momentary but by permanent repentance, until at length we are gathered into that happy rest which has been obtained for us through the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 28 (Ezekiel 11.4 - 13)

Grant, Almighty God, since we do not cease to provoke your anger every day, that being admonished by the prophecies which your ancient people did not despise with impunity, we may be touched with a true sense of penitence, and may we so submit ourselves to you that we may willingly humble and renounce ourselves; and may you not only mitigate the punishments which otherwise hang over us, but also show yourself toward us a merciful and gracious Father, until at length we enjoy the fullness of your fatherly love in your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 29 (Ezekiel 11.13 - 20)

Grant, O Almighty God, that we may learn to cast our eyes upon the state of your ancient Church, and since at the present day the sorrowful and manifest dispersion of your Church seems to threaten its complete destruction: grant, that we may look upon those promises which are common to us also, that we may wait until your Church emerges again from the darkness of death. Meanwhile, no matter how weak we are as to outward appearance, may we be content with your help until, at length, it shall appear that our patience was



not delusive, when we enjoy the reward of our faith and patience in your heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 30 (Ezekiel 11.20 - 21)

Grant, Almighty God, since we have utterly perished in our father Adam and there remains in us no single part which is not corrupt whilst we carry material for wrath, and cursing, and death in the body as well in the soul that, being regenerated by the Spirit, we may more and more withdraw ourselves from our own will and our own spirit and so submit ourselves to you that your Spirit may truly reign within us; and afterward, grant that we may not be ungrateful but, considering how inestimable this benefit is, may we dedicate our whole life and apply ourselves to glorify your name, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 31 (Ezekiel 11.22 - 12.7)

Grant, Almighty God, since you wish us to live in this world that we may travel onward until you gather us into your heavenly rest, that we may truly contemplate that eternal inheritance and apply to it all our endeavours; and also that we may so travel in this world that we may not wander nor stray from your way but, being always intent on the mark which you set before us, grant us to proceed on our way until we finish our course, and enjoy that glory which your only-begotten Son has prepared for us through his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 32 (Ezekiel 12.8 - 16)

Grant, Almighty God, since you declare to us by so many proofs the formidable nature of your anger, especially against the obstinate and rebellious who reject your word spoken to them in love: grant, I pray, that we may embrace what is proposed to us in your name with the humility and reverence becoming to your children, that we may repent of our sins and obtain their pardon, until at length we are freed from all corruptions of the flesh, and become partakers of that eternal and celestial glory which your only-begotten Son has purchased for us by his blood. Amen.

### Lecture 33 (Ezekiel 12.17 - 28)

Grant us, Almighty God, since you spare us in some degree, and meanwhile do admonish us by no obscure signs of your anger, to be wise in time lest sloth seize upon our minds and dispositions and deprive us of sound judgment: grant, also, that we may be attentive to your words and to all proofs of your coming vengeance, and may we so strive to be reconciled to you that for the future, being born again by your Spirit, we may henceforth glorify your name through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

### Lecture 34 (Ezekiel 13.1 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are so torpid in our vices that excitements are daily necessary to rouse us up, first, that our destined pastors may faithfully call us to repentance; then, that we, in our turn, may be so attentive to their exhortations and suffer ourselves to be condemned that we may be our own judges: grant also that, when you chastise us severely, the taste of your paternal goodness may never be lost to us, that a way may always be open to us to seek reconciliation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Lecture 35 (Ezekiel 13.9 - 16)

Grant, Almighty God, since we do not cease to provoke you by our sins, that we may consider how wretched our condition is if you do not govern us by your Spirit and we do not subject ourselves to your in true obedience; and may we so desire to be reconciled to you that we do not flatter ourselves but, being altogether humbled and emptied of self, may we fly to your mercy with a true feeling of piety and so find what is prepared for us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### Lecture 36 (Ezekiel 13.17 - 20)

Grant, Almighty God, since you show us that our salvation is so precious in your sight, that through our ingratitude we may not cast away this testimony of your favour, but be anxious to listen to your instructions: grant also that,

being gifted by you with the spirit of discretion, we may not be exposed to capture as a prey; but may we be so ruled by the light of your word that we may hold on in the right way until, after our allotted time is finished, we may arrive at that happy repose which is laid up for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 37 (Ezekiel 13.21 - 14.5)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are inclined to all kinds of vices, that we may be restrained by the power of your Spirit, and that we may be attentive to the teaching which sounds continually in our ears, that we may persevere in the pure worship of your name; and thus being strengthened against the cunning of the wicked, may we be upheld in our weakness and preserved from all error, until we finish our course, and arrive at the goal which is proposed to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 38 (Ezekiel 14.6 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are so prone to error, that your truth may always shine upon us amid the darkness of this world: grant also that we may gaze upon it with open eyes and subject ourselves to you with true docility that, being governed by both your Word and your Spirit, we may fulfill our course and at length arrive at that happy rest which your only-begotten Son has prepared for us. Amen.

#### Lecture 39 (Ezekiel 14.9 - 14)

Grant, Almighty God, since you shine so clearly upon us with the teaching of your gospel, in which your Son reveals himself intimately to us: grant that we may not shut our eyes to this light nor turn them here and there by depraved curiosity, but may remain in simple obedience until, at length having passed through the course of this life, we may arrive at the fullness of light, when you will transform us into your glory by the same your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 40 (Ezekiel 14.14 - 22)

Grant, Almighty God, since you daily exercise your judgments in all parts of the world, and since many regions are harassed by pestilence and war, that we may profit by the evils and slaughters of others for as long as you spare us: grant also, if your scourges also reach us, that we may not be obstinate but may submit ourselves to your judgment and, being truly humble, may we seek pardon in the serious pursuit of piety that we may truly acknowledge you; and may we feel you to be a propitious Father to us until, at length, we enjoy your love in your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 41 (Ezekiel 14.23 - 15.8)

Grant. Almighty God, since you have not only deigned to separate us from the common herd of men but also to renew your image in us and, while your favours toward us are conspicuous, you exhort us at the same time to glorify your name: grant that, being mindful of our calling, we may study to devote ourselves wholly to you and extol you by unique, true and rightful praises that, at length, we may be partakers of the glory to which you invite us, and which has been acquired for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 42 (Ezekiel 16.1 - 8)

Grant, Almighty God, since from our first origin we have been entirely accursed, so that we were entirely foul and polluted in your sight, that we may be mindful of our condition, and acknowledge your inestimable pity towards us, since you have deigned to draw us from the lowest estate and to adopt us among your children; and may we so desire to spend our whole life in obedience to you, that we may at length enjoy that blessed glory to which you have called us, and which you have prepared for us in your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 43 (Ezekiel 16.8 - 16)

Grant, Almighty God, that we may diligently consider in how many ways we are bound to you, and that we may deservedly magnify your fatherly

indulgence towards us that in return we may desire to devote ourselves to you: grant also that, as you have adorned us with your glory, we may endeavour to glorify your name until, at length, we arrive at the enjoyment of that eternal glory which you have prepared for us in heaven by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 44 (Ezekiel 16.17 - 25)

Grant, Almighty God, since you desire to receive us not only into confidence and dependence, but also to the condition of sons, that we may worship you with sacred love and revere you through our whole life as a Father; and may we so submit ourselves to you as to feel your covenant firm and sacred towards us; and may we experience that you never call men to you in vain, so long as they obey you and respond to your promises; until at length we enjoy that blessedness which is laid up for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 45 (Ezekiel 16.26 - 32)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have thought us worthy of such honour that we should be bound to you in your only-begotten Son by the bond of a spiritual marriage, that we may remain in that fidelity which we promised to you, since we have found you faithful to us by so many proofs on your part until, having passed through this present life, we arrive at the enjoyment of that blessedness which is the fruit of our faithful chastity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 46 (Ezekiel 16.33 - 42)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have hitherto sustained us, and since we are worthy of being utterly destroyed a hundred times; grant, we pray, that we may repent of ourselves, and prevent that horrible judgment of which you set before us a specimen in your ancient people; and may we so devote ourselves to you in the true chastity of faith that we may experience the course of your

goodness until we enjoy the eternal inheritance which your only-begotten Son has acquired for us by his blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 47 (Ezekiel 16.42 - 50)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have deigned to graft us into the body of your only-begotten Son, that we may be mindful of our origin, since from our very birth we were lost and cursed; and grant that we may be mindful of that grace by which you have honoured us, that we may worship you as a father, and preserve our trust in you inviolate; and may we be so obedient to you that your image may be renewed in us more and more in all righteousness and holiness, until your glory may perfectly shine forth in us in your heavenly kingdom by the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 48 (Ezekiel 16.50 - 55)

Grant, Almighty God, since in your inestimable mercy you have deigned to separate us from the profane nations and to adopt us into your family, that we may so conduct ourselves that you may not treat us as strangers, but while you acknowledge us as your sons, may your Spirit govern us until the end, so that your name may be glorified in us, and at length we may be made partakers of that glory which has been acquired for us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 49 (Ezekiel 16.56 - 61)

Grant, Almighty God, since your only-begotten Son has appeared for us and who filled up all the measure of your grace, that we may not be ungrateful in despising so inestimable a boon; but may we embrace with true and sincere faith what you offer us, namely, the mercy which we always need and also the spirit of regeneration, that we may so devote ourselves to you through a whole life of obedience that, at length, we may arrive at that glory which at this time shines upon us as in a mirror, until its fruition shall appear in heaven, by the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 50 (Ezekiel 16.62 - 17.4)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have treated us so liberally by opening the immense and inestimable treasures of your grace that, being mindful of our condition, we may always bewail it and remember what we were when you desire to adopt us as sons, and how often and how variously we have provoked you and rendered your covenant vain; grant, also, that we may glorify you in our shame, and perpetually magnify your name by our humility, until we become partakers of that glory which your only-begotten Son has procured for us through his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 51 (Ezekiel 17.4 - 16)

Grant, Almighty God, since you show your regard for mutual fidelity between man and man, that we may so conduct ourselves in every way that we may not deceive our brethren, but assist each other with sincere affection; grant, also, that with true consent we may afford you that confidence which you require and which we are bound to pay you, since you desire not only to enter into covenant with us by means of your only-begotten Son, but also to seal it with his blood, until we enjoy that inheritance which you have obtained for us by the sacrifice of his death. Amen.

#### Lecture 52 (Ezekiel 17.17 - 23)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have deigned to enter into a perpetual and inviolable covenant with us which you have sanctioned by the blood of your only-begotten Son, that we may faithfully stand by it; and may we be so obedient to you to the end that we may experience you to be a propitious Father to us, until we enjoy that eternal inheritance which you have prepared for us in heaven, through the same Christ our Lord.-Amen.

#### Lecture 53 (Ezekiel 17.23 - 18.4)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have not only created us out of nothing but have deigned to create us again in your only-begotten Son, and have taken us from the lowest depths, and deigned to raise us to the hope of your heavenly

kingdom: grant, we pray, that we may not be proud or puffed up with vainglory; but may we embrace this favour with becoming humility, and modestly submit ourselves to you, until we become, at length, partakers of that glory which your only-begotten Son has acquired for us. Amen.

#### Lecture 54 (Ezekiel 18.5 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have so instructed us by your law in the rules of living justly that we have no excuse for error or ignorance: grant, we pray, that we may be attentive to that teaching which you prescribe for us; and so anxiously exercise ourselves in it that each of us may live innocently among the brotherhood; and then may we so worship you with one consent and so glorify your name that we may, at length, arrive at that happy inheritance which you have promised for us in your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 55 (Ezekiel 18.9 - 17)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have pointed out to us the true way of safety, since you did perceive us all deficient in this respect, and since the law which ought to have given us life brought death through our transgressing it: grant, we pray, since you have set before us your only Son in whom we may be reconciled and obtain the perfect righteousness which we need, that we may so embrace the grace which is offered to us in the gospel, that we may strive more and more to proceed in the pursuit of piety until we arrive at length at the blessed inheritance which the same, your only-begotten Son, has acquired for us. Amen.

#### Lecture 56 (Ezekiel 18.18 - 23)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are all lost in ourselves, that we may desire to obtain life where it is laid up for us, and where you do manifest it, namely, in your Son: and grant that we may so embrace the grace which has been exhibited to us in the sacrifice of his death, that we may be regenerated by his Spirit; and thus, being born again, may we devote ourselves wholly to you, and so glorify your name in this world that we may, at length, be partakers of



that glory which the same, your only-begotten Son, has acquired for us. Amen.

#### Lecture 57 (Ezekiel 18.24 - 30)

Grant, Almighty God, since nothing is more frail than we are and, even when you have once stretched forth your hand to us, we labour under such infirmity that numberless falls await us unless you succour us: grant we pray that, being propped up by your unconquered strength, we may proceed in the course of your holy calling and may we bravely and perseveringly make war against all temptations that we may, at length, enjoy in heaven the fruit of our victory, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 58 (Ezekiel 18.31 - 19.5)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are all so depraved by nature that we are not only most deserving of being cast into the midst of lions but also are unworthy of being reckoned among your creatures, that you may extend your hand to us and manifest your wonderful power in reforming us; and may your image be so renewed in us that we may daily make more and more progress in true piety and righteousness until, at length, all the corruption's of the flesh may be abolished and we be partakers of that eternal glory which your only-begotten Son has acquired for us. Amen.

#### Lecture 59 (Ezekiel 19.5 - 14)

Almighty God, since you have deigned to place us into the body of your Son that we may be the vine-branches you have undertaken to cultivate: grant that by the power of your Spirit we may be so watered as never to be deficient in spiritual rigour; and may we so bear fruit to the glory of your name, that we may arrive at length at the fountain of our faith when we shall enjoy the celestial glory to which you have adopted us in the same, your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 60 (Ezekiel 20.1 - 8)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have stretched forth your hand to us by your only-begotten Son and have not only bound yourself to us by an oath, but have sealed your eternal covenant by the blood of the same, your Son: grant, we pray, that in return we may be faithful to you and persevere in the pure worship of your name, until at length we enjoy the fruit of our faith in your heavenly kingdom by the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 61 (Ezekiel 20.8 - 12)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have not only deigned to bestow upon us a rule for right living but have so shown yourself our Father in Christ as to be prepared to engrave your law in our inward parts: grant, we pray, that we may not cast away that inestimable boon through either ingratitude or sloth; but may we offer up ourselves to you as a sacrifice; and may you so pardon us that our infirmities may not hinder us from finding you always propitious whenever we fly to your mercy in Christ, your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 62 (Ezekiel 20.12 - 20)

Grant, Almighty God, since the doctrine of your gospel sounds daily in our ears, when you invite us so kindly by your amazing clemency and stretch out your hand by your only-begotten Son: grant, we pray, that we may be of a teachable and flexible disposition and that we may sincerely submit to you; and, since your law contains so many dreadful examples of your wrath, may we be moved by them, and may we walk with fear and trembling in obedience to your word, that at length we may enjoy that inheritance which you have promised for us in your heavenly kingdom, by the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 63 (Ezekiel 20.21 - 31)

Grant, Almighty God, since you do not cease daily to exhort us to repentance, but indulge us and bear with us while you correct us by your word and your chastisements, that we may not remain obstinate but may learn to submit ourselves to you: grant, we pray, that we may not offer ourselves as your

disciples with feigned repentance, but be so sincerely and cordially devoted to you that we may desire nothing else than to progress more and more in the knowledge of your heavenly doctrine, until at length we enjoy that full light which we hope for through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Lecture 64 (Ezekiel 20.32 - 39)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have redeemed us by the death of your only-begotten Son, that we may not interrupt the course of your favour by our ingratitude, but may we so proceed in obedience to your gospel that we may be brought, at length, to the perfection of that grace which is commenced within us, and may proceed more and more every day in true piety, until we are gathered into your heavenly kingdom and enjoy the inheritance promised and obtained for us by the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 65 (Ezekiel 20.40 - 44)

Grant, Almighty God, since we have already entered in hope upon the threshold of our eternal inheritance, and know that there is a certain mansion for us in heaven after Christ, who is our head, has been received there as the first-fruits of our salvation: grant, we say, that we may proceed more and more in the course of your holy calling until at length we reach the goal, and so enjoy that eternal glory of which you afford us a taste in this world, by the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Daniel**

#### Lecture 1 (Daniel 1.1 - 3)

Grant, Almighty God, since you set before us so clear a mirror of your wonderful providence and of your judgments on your ancient people, that we may also be surely persuaded of our being under your hand and protection: grant that, relying on you, we may hope for your guardianship whatever may happen, since you never lose sight of our safety, so that we may invoke you with a secure and tranquil mind; may we so fearlessly wait for all dangers amidst all the changes of this world, that we may stand upon the foundation of

your word which never can fail; and, leaning on your promises, may we repose on Christ, to whom you have committed us and whom you have made the shepherd of all your flock; grant that he may be so careful of us as to lead us through this course of warfare, no matter troublesome and turbulent it may prove, until we arrive at that heavenly rest which he has purchased for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 2 (Daniel 1.4 - 8)

Grant, Almighty God, for as long as our pilgrimage in this world continues, that we may feed on such diet for the necessities of the flesh as may never corrupt us; and may we never be led aside from sobriety, but may we learn to use our abundance by preferring abstinence in the midst of plenty; grant, also, that we may patiently endure want and famine, and eat and drink with such liberty as always to set before us the glory of your Name; lastly, may our frugality lead us to aspire after that fullness by which we shall be completely refreshed, when the glory of your countenance shall appear to us in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 3 (Daniel 1.9 - 16)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are now encompassed by so many enemies, and the devil does not cease to harass us with fresh snares so that the whole world is hostile to us, that we may perceive even the devil himself to be restrained by your bridle: grant, also, that all the impious may be subjected to you, that you may lead them wherever you wish; direct their hearts, and may we be experimentally taught how safe and secure we are under the protection of your hand; and may we proceed, according to your promise, in the course of our calling, until at length we arrive at that blessed rest which is laid up for us in heaven by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 4 (Daniel 1.17 - 2.2)

Grant, Almighty God, since every perfect gift comes from you, and since some excel others in intelligence and talents, yet as no one has anything of his own but as you deign to distribute to man a measure of your gracious liberality: grant that whatever intelligence you confer upon us we may apply it to the glory of your name; grant also, that we may acknowledge in humility and modesty what you have committed to our care to be your own; and may we study to be restrained by sobriety, to desire nothing superfluous, never to corrupt true and genuine knowledge, and to remain in that simplicity to which you call us; finally, may we not rest in these earthly things, but learn to raise our minds to true wisdom, to acknowledge you to be the true God, and to devote ourselves to the obedience of your righteousness; and may it be our sole object to devote and consecrate ourselves entirely to the glory of your name throughout our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 5 (Daniel 2.3 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, since during our pilgrimage in this world we daily need the teaching and government of your Spirit, that with true modesty we may depend on your word and secret inspiration, and not take too much on ourselves; grant, also, that we may be conscious of our ignorance, blindness and stupidity, and always flee to you, and never permit ourselves to be drawn aside in any way by the cunning of Satan and the ungodly; may we remain so fixed in your truth as never to turn aside from it whilst do direct us through the whole course of our vocation; and, then, may we arrive at that heavenly glory which has been obtained for us through the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 6 (Daniel 2.10 - 19)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are in danger every day and every moment, not merely from the cruelty of a single tyrant but from the devil who excites the whole world against us, arming the princes of this world, and impelling them to destroy us: grant, I pray, that we may feel and demonstrate by experience that our life is in your hand, and that under your faithful guardianship you will

not suffer one hair of our heads to fall; also, so defend us that the impious themselves may acknowledge that we do not boast in your name today in vain, nor invoke you without success; and, when we have experienced your paternal anxiety through the whole course of our life, may we arrive at that blessed immortality which you have promised us and which is laid up for us in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 7 (Daniel 2.20 - 23)

Grant, Almighty God, since daily we have so many testimonies to your glory before our eyes, though we seem so blind as to shut out all the light by our ingratitude; grant, I pray, that we may at length learn to open our eyes; yes, open them by your Spirit; may we reflect on the number, magnitude and importance of your benefits toward us; and, while you set before us the proof of your eternal divinity, grant that we may become proficient in this school of piety; may we learn to ascribe to you the praise of all virtues until nothing remains but to extol you alone; and, the more you deign to declare yourself liberal toward us, may we the more ardently desire to worship you; may we devote ourselves to you without reserving the slightest self praise but caring for this only, that your glory may remain and shine forth throughout all the world, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 8 (Daniel 2.24 - 30)

Grant, Almighty God, since you desire us to differ from the brutes, and hence impressed our minds with the light of intellect: grant, I pray, that we may learn to acknowledge and to magnify this singular favour; and may we exercise ourselves in the knowledge of those things which induce us to reverence your sovereignty. Besides this, may we distinguish between that common-sense which you have bestowed upon us and the illumination of your Spirit and the gift of faith, that you alone may be glorified by our being grafted by faith into the body of your only-begotten Son. Also we entreat from you further progress and increase of the same faith until, at length, you bring us to the full

manifestation of light; then, being like you, we shall behold your glory face to face, and enjoy the same in Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 9 (Daniel 2.31 - 35)

Grant, Almighty God, since we so travel through this world that our attention is easily arrested and our judgment darkened when we behold the power of the impious, refulgent and terrible to ourselves and others: grant, I pray, that we may raise our eyes upward, and consider how much power you have conferred upon your only-begotten Son; grant, also, that he may rule and govern us by the might of his Spirit, protect us by his faithfulness and guardianship, and compel the whole world to promote our salvation; thus may we rest calmly under his protection, and fight with that boldness and patience which he both commands and commends until, at length, we enjoy the fruit of the victory which you have promised, and which you will provide for us in your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

#### Lecture 10 (Daniel 2.36 - 43)

Grant, Almighty God, that we may remember ourselves to be pilgrims in the world, and that no splendour of wealth or power or worldly wisdom may blind our eyes, but may we always direct our eyes and all our senses toward the kingdom of your Son; may we always fix them there, and may nothing hinder us from hastening on in the course of our calling until we pass over the course and reach the goal which you have set before us, and to which you do this day invite us by the heralding of your gospel. At length gather us to that happy eternity which has been obtained for us through the blood of the same, your Son; may we never be separated from him but, being sustained by his power, may we at last be raised by him to the highest heavens. Amen.

#### Lecture 11 (Daniel 2.44 - 46)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have shown us by so many clear and solid testimonies that we can hope for no other Redeemer than he whom you have set forth, and as you have sanctioned his divine and eternal power by so many

miracles, and have sealed it by both the preaching of the gospel and the seal of your Spirit in our hearts, and do confirm the same by daily experience: grant that we may remain firm and stable in him; may we never refuse him; may our faith never waver but withstand all the temptations of Satan; and may we so persevere in the course of your holy calling, that we may be gathered at length into that eternal blessedness and perpetual rest which has been obtained for us by the blood of the same, your Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 12 (Daniel 2.46 - 3.1)

Grant, Almighty God, since our minds have so many hidden recesses that nothing is more difficult than thoroughly to purge them from all fiction and lying: grant, I say, that we may honestly examine ourselves; shine upon us with the light of your Holy Spirit; may we truly acknowledge our hidden faults and put them far away from us, that you may be our only God and our true piety may obtain the prize of your approbation; may we offer you pure and spotless worship and meanwhile may we conduct ourselves in the world with a pure conscience; and may each of us be so occupied in our duties as to consult our brother's advantage as well as our own and, at length, be made partakers of that true glory which you have prepared for us in heaven through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 13 (Daniel 3.1 - 7)

Grant, Almighty God, since we always wander miserably in our thoughts and, in our attempts to worship you, we only profane the true and pure reverence of your Divinity, and are easily drawn aside to depraved superstition: grant that we may remain in pure obedience to your word, and never turn aside from it in any way; instruct us by the unconquered fortitude of your Spirit; may we never yield to any terrors or threats of anyone, but persevere in reverencing your name even to the end; however the world may rage after its own diabolic errors, may we never turn out of the right path but continue in the right course in which you invite us, until, after finishing our race, we arrive at that happy rest which is laid up for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



#### Lecture 14 (Daniel 3.8 - 18)

Grant, Almighty God, since we see the impious carried away by their impure desires with so strong an impulse; and while they are so puffed up with arrogance, may we learn true humility and so subject ourselves to you that we may always depend upon your word and always attend to your instructions; when we have learned what worship pleases you, may we constantly persist to the end and never be moved by any threats or dangers or violence from our position, nor drawn aside from our course; but, by persevering obedience to your word, may we show our alacrity and obedience until you acknowledge us as your sons and we are gathered to that eternal inheritance which you have prepared for all members of Christ your Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 15 (Daniel 3.18 - 25)

Grant, Almighty God, since our life is only for a moment, and is only vanity and smoke, that we may learn to cast all our care upon you and so to depend upon you as not to doubt you as our deliverer from all urgent perils whenever it shall be to our advantage; grant, also, that we may learn to neglect and despise our lives, especially for the testimony of your glory; and may we be prepared to depart as soon as you call us from this world; may the hope of eternal life be so fixed in our hearts that we may willingly leave this world and aspire with all our mind toward that blessed eternity which you have testified to be laid up for us in heaven through the gospel, and which your only-begotten Son has procured for us through his blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 16 (Daniel 3.26 - 30)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have instructed us by the doctrine of your law and gospel and daily deign to make known your will to us with affection, that we may remain fixed in the true obedience of this teaching in which your perfect justice is manifested; may we never be moved away from your worship; rather, may we be prepared, whatever happens, to undergo a hundred deaths than to turn from the profession of true piety in which we

know our safety to be laid up; and may we so glorify your name as to be partakers of that glory which has been acquired for us through the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 17 (Daniel 4.1 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, since you here propose a remarkable example before our eyes, that we may learn your power to be so great as not to be sufficiently celebrated by any human praises; and since we hear how its herald was a profane king, even a cruel and proud one, and you afterwards deigned to manifest yourself to us familiarly in Christ: grant that, in the spirit of humility, we may desire to glorify you and to cleave entirely to you; may we declare you to be ours, not only in mouth and tongue, but also in works; not only as our true and only God, but our Father since you have adopted us in your only-begotten Son, until at length we enjoy that eternal inheritance which is laid up for us in heaven by the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 18 (Daniel 4.9 - 16)

Grant, Almighty God, since we it is difficult for us to bear prosperity without injury to the mind, that we may remember ourselves to be mortal: may our frailty be ever present to our eyes, and render us humble and lead us to ascribe the glory to you; being advised by you, may we learn to walk with anxiety and fear, to submit ourselves to you, and to conduct ourselves modestly toward our brethren; and may none of us despise or insult his brother, but may we all strive to discharge our duties with moderation until, at length, you gather us into that glory which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 19 (Daniel 4.17 - 24)

Grant, Almighty God, since you set before us our sins and, at the same time, announce yourself as our judge, that we may not abuse your forbearance and lay up for ourselves a treasure of greater wrath through our sloth and torpor; grant, also, that we may fear you reverently and be anxiously cautious of

ourselves; may we be frightened by your threats and enticed by your sweetness, and may we be willing and submissive to you; may it ever be our desire to consecrate ourselves entirely to obey you and to glorify your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 20 (Daniel 4.25 - 27)

Grant, Almighty God, that we may learn to bear patiently all adverse misfortunes, and know that you exercise toward us the duties of a judge as often as we are afflicted in this world; thus may we prevent your wrath, and so condemn ourselves with true humility that, trusting in your pity, we may always flee to you, relying upon the mediation of your only-begotten Son whom you have provided for us; grant, also, that we may beg for pardon from you, and resolve upon a true repentance, not with vain and useless fictions, but by true and serious proofs, cultivating true charity and faith among ourselves, and testifying in this way our fear of your name, that you may be truly glorified in us by the same our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 21 (Daniel 4.28 - 34)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are nothing in ourselves, and yet we do not cease to please ourselves, and so are blinded by our vain confidence and vainly boast of our virtues which are worthless: grant that we may learn to put off these perverse affections, and that we may so submit to you as to depend upon your mere favour; may we know ourselves to stand and be sustained by your strength alone; may we learn so to glorify your name that we may not only obey your word with true and pure humility, but also earnestly implore your assistance; and, distrusting ourselves, may we rely upon your favour as our only support until, at length, you gather us into your heavenly kingdom, where we may enjoy that blessed eternity which has been obtained for us by your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 22 (Daniel 4.34 - 37)

Grant, Almighty God, since the disease of pride remains fixed in us all through our original corruption in our father Adam: grant that we may learn to mortify our spirits and to be displeased with our conduct as we ought; without you alone may we feel ourselves to be deprived of all wisdom and rectitude; may we fly to your pity and confess ourselves utterly subject to eternal death; may we rely on your goodness which you have deigned to offer us through your gospel; may we trust in the Mediator whom you have given us; may we never hesitate to fly to you and to call upon you as our Father; and, having been renewed by your Spirit, may we walk in true humility and modesty until at length you shall raise us to that heavenly kingdom which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 23 (Daniel 5.1 - 5)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are so prone to forgetfulness and to our own indulgence in the desires and pleasures of the flesh: grant that each of us would be recalled to contemplate your judgments; may we be anxious to walk as in your sight; may we be afraid of your just vengeance, and be careful not to provoke it by our petulance and other vices; but may we submit ourselves to you, be held up and propped up by your hands, and proceed in the sacred course of your calling until, at length, you shall raise us to your heavenly kingdom, which has been acquired for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 24 (Daniel 5.6 - 11)

Grant, Almighty God, since you constantly address us by your Prophets, and do not permit us to wander in the darkness of error: grant that we may be attentive to your voice, and make us docile and tractable toward you, especially when you set before us a Master in whom are included all treasures of wisdom and knowledge; grant us further, we pray, to be subject to your only-begotten Son, to hold the right course of our holy calling, and to be always pressing onward to that goal to which you call us, until we are successful in all our contests with this world and, at length, arrive at that

blessed rest which you have obtained for us through the blood of the same, your Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 25 (Daniel 5.12 - 20)

Grant, Almighty God, since our station in life has been assigned to us, that we may be content with our lot and, when you humble us, may we willingly subject ourselves to you and suffer ourselves to be ruled by you; may we not desire any exaltation which may lead us down to destruction. Grant also, that we may conduct ourselves with such modesty in our various callings that you may always shine forth in us; may nothing else be set before us than to assist our brethren to whom we are attached as in your sight; and thus may we glorify your name among all men, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 26 (Daniel 5.21 - 29)

Grant, Almighty God, as you send forth a proof of your wrath against all the proud, that such may be useful to us in these days; may we be admonished by the punishment inflicted on Nebuchanezzar and thus learn to conduct ourselves with moderation and humility; may we not desire any greatness which would be displeasing to you; and may we so remain in the position you have placed us in life that we may serve you, and extol and glorify your sacred name, without being even separated from you; grant us also so to bear your yoke in this world, and to allow ourselves to be ruled by you, that we may at length arrive at that happy rest and portion in your heavenly kingdom, which you have prepared and procured for us, through the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 27 (Daniel 5.30 - 6.7)

Grant, Almighty God, as you governed your servant Daniel when honours flowed around on all sides, and he was raised to the highest dignity, and as you preserved him safe in his integrity and innocence amidst the universal licentiousness: grant, we pray, that we may learn to restrain ourselves within that moderation to which you restrict us; may we be content with our humble

position and strive to prove ourselves innocent before you and before those with whom we have to deal, that your name may be glorified in us, and we may proceed under your shelter against the malice of mankind. Whenever Satan besieges us on every side, whenever the wicked lay snares for us, and whenever we are attacked by the fierceness of wild beasts, may we remain safe under your protection and, even if we have to undergo a hundred deaths, may we learn to live and die for you, and may your name be glorified in us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 28 (Daniel 6.8 - 12)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have reconciled us to yourself by the precious blood of your Son, that we may not be our own but be devoted to you in perfect obedience; may we consecrate ourselves entirely to you; may we offer our bodies and souls in sacrifice, and be rather prepared to suffer a hundred deaths than to decline from your true and sincere worship. Grant us, especially, to exercise ourselves in prayer, to fly to you every moment, and to commit ourselves to your Fatherly care, that your Spirit may govern us to the end. Defend and sustain us, until we are collected into that heavenly kingdom which your only-begotten Son has prepared for us by his blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 29 (Daniel 6.13 - 20)

Grant, Almighty Father, since you show us, by the example of your servant Daniel, how we ought to persevere with consistency in the sincere worship of you, and thus proceed towards true greatness of mind that we may truly devote ourselves to you: may we not be turned aside in any direction through the lust of men, but may we persist in our holy calling and conquer all dangers, and arrive at length at the fruit of victory, that happy immortality which is laid up for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 30 (Daniel 6.20 - 24)

Grant, Almighty God, since we were created and placed in this world by you, and are also nourished by your bounty for the very purpose of consecrating our life to you: grant, we pray, that we may be prepared to live and die for you; may we seek only to maintain the pure and sincere worship of yourself; may we so acquiesce in your help as not to hesitate about breaking through all difficulties, and to offer ourselves to instant death whenever you require it; may we rely not only on your promise which remains for ever, but upon the many proofs which you have granted us of the present vitality of your mighty power; may you be our deliverer in every sense, whether we live or die; and may we be blessed in persevering in our confidence in your name and your true confession until, at length, we are gathered into your heavenly kingdom, which you have prepared for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 31 (Daniel 6.24 - 28)

Grant, Almighty God, since, by means of a man entangled in many errors, you wish to testify to us the extent of your power, that we may not at this time grope about in darkness while you offer us light through the sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ, your Son; meanwhile, may we not be ashamed to profit by the words of a heathen who was not instructed in your law, but who celebrated your name magnificently when admonished by a single miracle; and may we learn by his example to acknowledge you not only as the Supreme but the Only God; as you have bound us to yourself by entering into a covenant with us in the blood of your only-begotten Son, may we ever cleave to you with true faith; may we renounce all the clouds of error and be always fixed upon that light to which you invite us and toward which you draw us, until we arrive at the sight of your glory and majesty; and, being conformed to you, may we at length enjoy in reality that glory which we now but partially behold. Amen.

#### Lecture 32 (Daniel 7.1 - 5)

Grant, Almighty God, since you expose us to various distresses in this world, so that we may exercise our faith and patience: grant, we pray, that we may remain tranquil in our position through reliance on your promises; when storms gather around us on all sides, may we never fall away and never despond in our courage, but persevere in our calling; whatever may happen, may we recognize you as carrying on the government of the world, not only to punish the ingratitude of the reprobate, but to retain your own people in your faith and protection, and preserve them to the end; may we bear patiently whatever changes may happen to us and may we never be disturbed or distressed in our minds until, at length, we are gathered into that happy rest where we shall be free from all warfare and all contests, and enjoy that eternal blessedness which you have prepared for us in your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 33 (Daniel 7.6 - 8)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have formerly admonished your servants, that your children, while they are pilgrims in this world, must be familiar with horrible and cruel beasts, if the same thing should happen to us, that we may be prepared for all contests; may we endure and overcome all temptations, and may we never doubt your desire to defend us by your protection and power, according to your promise; may we proceed through the midst of numberless dangers until, at length, after accomplishing the course of our warfare, we arrive at that happy rest which is laid up for us in heaven by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 34 (Daniel 7.8 - 11)

Grant, Almighty God, no matter what revolutions happen daily in the world, that we may always be intent on the sight of your glory, once manifested to us in your Son; may the splendor of your majesty illuminate our hearts; may we pass beyond the visible heavens, the sun, the moon, and every shining thing; may we behold the blessedness of your kingdom, which you propose to us in the light of your gospel; and may we walk through the midst of the darkness



and afflictions of the world content with that light by which you invite us to the hope of the eternal inheritance which you have promised us, and acquired for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 35 (Daniel 7.12 - 16)

Grant, Almighty God, since the faith of the fathers was supported by obscure shadows, by which you wished it to be nourished until your Son was manifestly revealed to us in the flesh: grant, I pray, in this day, after he has appeared to us as the best and most perfect teacher and explained your counsels to us similarly, that we may be neither so dull nor so careless to allow the great clearness of the manifestation of yourself offered us in the gospel to escape from our grasp; may we be so directed toward life eternal, until after the performance of our course in this present life, and the removal of all obstacles which Satan places in our way, either to delay us or turn us aside, that we may at length arrive at the enjoyment of that blessed life in which Christ, your only-begotten Son, has preceded us; and may we thus be co-heirs with him; and as you have appointed him sole inheritor, so may he gather us unto the secure inheritance of a blessed immortality. Amen.

#### Lecture 36 (Daniel 7.17 - 22)

Grant, Almighty God, since you prove our faith and constancy by many trials, as it is our duty in this respect and in all others, to submit to your will: grant, I pray, that we may not give way to the many attacks by which we are tossed about, for we are assailed on all sides by Satan and all the impious; while their fury is ever burning and raging cruelly against us, may we never yield to it; may we proceed in our warfare in reliance on the unconquered might of the Spirit, even though impious men prevail for a season; may we look forward to the advent of your only-begotten Son, not only when he shall appear on the last day, but also whenever it shall please him to assist your Church, and to raise it out of its miserable afflictions; and, even if we must endure our distresses, may our courage never fail us until, at length, we be gathered into

that holy rest which has been obtained for us through the blood of the same, your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 37 (Daniel 7.23 - 25)

Grant, Almighty God, since we must be daily exercised by various contests, that we may never yield to the infirmities of the flesh and never forget your holy calling; animate us, we pray, for all hostile engagements; may we stand unbroken against all the assaults of Satan and the wicked, and thus give ourselves up and devote ourselves to you; may we never hesitate, if it is necessary, to suffer death itself, and even to offer ourselves daily to various kinds of death, until we shall have discharged our warfare and enjoy that happy and eternal rest which you have prepared for us in your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 38 (Daniel 7.26 - 8.1)

Grant, Almighty God, since you formerly permitted your servants to maintain their courage in the midst of so many and such heavy commotions, that we may reap the same edification from these prophecies; and since we have fallen upon the fulness of times, may we profit by the examples of the ancient church and by the pious and holy admonitions which you have set before us; and thus may we stand firm and unconquered against all the attacks of Satan, the world, and the impious; and so may our faith remain impregnable until at length we enjoy the fruit of its victory in your heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 39 (Daniel 8.2 - 8.7)

Grant, Almighty God, since you desire us to be tossed about in the middle of many and various convulsions, that our minds may always look upward toward heaven where you have prepared for us a certain rest and a tranquil inheritance beyond the reach of disturbance and commotion; when the land through which we are on pilgrimage is in confusion, may we be so occupied

during its storms as to stand composed and grounded upon the faith of your promises until, having discharged our warfare, we are gathered into that happy rest where we shall enjoy the fruit of our victory, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

#### Lecture 40 (Daniel 8.8 - 12)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have enlightened us by the teaching of your gospel and set before our eyes your only-begotten Son as the Sun of Righteousness to rule us, and have deigned to separate us from the whole world and to make us your peculiar people, and to prepare for us a certain seat in heaven: grant, I pray, that we may be heirs of eternal life; grant that we may be mindful of your sacred calling and to make our pilgrimage on earth with spirits looking upward and tending toward you; may we meditate upon the righteousness of your kingdom and be entirely devoted to you; protect us by your hand even to the end, and may we march boldly under your standard until at length we arrive at that blessed rest where the fruit of our victory is laid up for us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 41 (Daniel 8.12 - 16)

Grant, Almighty God, since in these days the earth is full of defilements which pollute the sacred worship of your name, as there is scarcely a corner of the world which Satan has not corrupted, and as your truth is everywhere adulterated; grant that we may persevere and remain steadfast in our course of piety; may we always be attentive to that light which you first set before us in the law and which shines upon us now more fully under the gospel; may we never become plunged into that darkness in which we see the world wrapped up and in which those who seem to themselves most acute are still involved; grant us always to follow that life which you show us until we arrive at that goal which you have set before us and to which you daily invite us by your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 42 (Daniel 8.17 - 8.25)

Grant, Almighty God, since your Church has been exercised throughout all ages by the cross in various ways and with constant suffering, that we also may prepare ourselves to undergo whatever you may lay upon us; may we learn also to consider our sins as the cause of whatever adversity happens to us; may we consider you to be not only faithful in all your promises but also a Father propitious to those wretched ones who suppliantly fly to you for pardon; when we are humbled under your powerful hand may we raised up by the hope of the eternal salvation which is prepared for us; thus may we look for a happy and joyful termination of all our contests until we enjoy the fruit of our victory in your heavenly kingdom as it has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 43 (Daniel 8.24 - 9.3)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have called us to a similar lot to that which the fathers under the Law formerly experienced, and as you confirmed them in patience and armed them for constancy in warfare, and rendered them superior in all conflicts with Satan and the world: grant, we pray, that we at this day, whom you wish to be joined to them, may become proficient in your word; may we look forward to bearing the cross throughout our whole life; may we be prepared for the contest, and prefer miserable affliction under the standard of the cross, to spending a secure and luxurious life in our own enjoyments, and thus be deprived of that hope of victory which you have promised us, and whose fruit you have laid up for us in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 44 (Daniel 9.3 - 4)

Grant, Almighty God, as at the present time you deservedly chastise us for our sins, according to the example of your ancient people, that we may turn our face to you with true penitence and humility: may we throw ourselves suppliantly and prostrately before you and, despairing of ourselves, place our only hope in your pity which you have promised us; may we rely on that adoption which is founded on and sanctioned by your only-begotten Son, and never hesitate to come to you as a Father whenever we fly to you; meanwhile,

thoroughly affect our minds, that we may not only pray to you as a matter of duty, but truly and seriously take refuge in you, and be touched with a sense of our sins, and never doubt your propitious disposition toward us; in the name of the same your Son our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 45 (Daniel 9.4 - 9.7)

Grant, Almighty God, as no other way of access to you is open for us except through unfeigned humility, that we may often learn to abase ourselves with feelings of true repentance: may we be so displeased with ourselves that we be not satisfied with a single confession of our iniquities; but may we continue in the same state of meditation and be more and more penetrated with real grief; then may we fly to your mercy, prostrate ourselves before you in silence, and acknowledge no other hope but your pity and the intercession of your only-begotten Son; may we be so reconciled to you, as not only to be absolved from our sins but also governed throughout the whole course of our life by your Holy Spirit, until at length we enjoy the victory in every kind of contest, and arrive at that blessed rest which you have prepared for us by the same our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Lecture 46 (Daniel 9.8 - 13)

Grant, Almighty God, that we may learn seriously to consider in how many ways we become guilty before you, especially while we daily continue to provoke your wrath against us: may we be humbled by true and serious repentance, and fly eagerly to you, as nothing is left to us but your pity alone; when cast down and confounded and reduced to nothing in ourselves, may we fly to this sacred anchor, as you are easily entreated and have promised to act as a Father of mercies to all sinners who seek you; thus may we approach you with true penitence and, relying on your goodness, never doubt the granting of our requests; and, being freed by your mercy from the tyranny of Satan and of sin, may we be governed by your Holy Spirit and so directed in the way of righteousness that we may glorify your name throughout our lives, till we

arrive at that happy and immortal life which we know to be laid up in heaven for us, by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 47 (Daniel 9.13 - 17)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have deigned to gather us among your people, and have appointed us to bear your name and that of your only-begotten Son; although we often provoke your anger by our sins, and never cease to heap evil upon evil, grant that we may never be exposed as a laughing-stock and spectacle to the disgrace of your sacred name; as you see the impious seizing all occasions to grossly slander you, your sacred gospel, and the name of your only-begotten Son, do not permit them, I pray you, to insult you petulantly; may your Spirit so govern us that we may desire to glorify your name; may your name be glorified in spite of Satan and all the impious, until we are gathered into that celestial kingdom which you have promised us in the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 48 (Daniel 9.18 - 21)

Grant, Almighty God, that we may learn more and more fully to probe ourselves and discover the faults of which we are guilty; indeed, may the serious weight of our wickedness truly humble us when we come into your sight, and may we call upon you even from the lowest depths; may we never cease to hope for your grace; may we be elevated by that hope to the highest heavens, and may we be firmly assured that you will always prove yourself a propitious Father to us; and, as you have granted us a Mediator who procures favour for us from you, may we never hesitate to approach you with liberty through reliance on him; whenever our miseries induce us to despair, may we never succumb to it but, with unconquered fortitude of mind, may we persevere in invoking your name and imploring your pity, until we perceive the fruit of our prayers; and, after being freed from all warfare, may we at length arrive at that blessed rest which is laid up for us in heaven, by the same, Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 49 (Daniel 9.22 - 24)

Grant, Almighty God, because through our extreme blindness we cannot gaze upon open daylight, that we may be enlightened by your Spirit; may we profit by all your prophecies, by which you wish to direct us to your only-begotten Son; may we embrace him with true and certain faith, and remain obedient to him as our ruler and guide; and, after we have passed through this world, may we at length arrive at that heavenly rest which has been obtained for us by the blood of the same, your Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 50 (Daniel 9.25 -

Grant, Almighty God, since before the setting forth of your only-begotten Son your servants were sustained by those oracles which had not then been realized by the event, that in this day we may learn to put our trust in our Lord who has so clearly revealed himself to us by his gospel; may we stand so firm and constant in the faith of that gospel that we may never be tossed about by the disturbances and tumults of this world; and may we ever proceed in the course of your holy calling until at length we are released from all contests and arrive at that blessed rest which is laid up for us in heaven, by the same our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Lecture 51 (Daniel 9.25 - 27)

Grant, Almighty God, since all the treasures of your goodness and indulgence were so liberally diffused when your only-begotten Son appeared and are now daily offered to us through the gospel: grant, I pray, that we may not deprive ourselves of such important blessings by our ingratitude; may we embrace your Son with true faith and enjoy the benefit of the redemption which he has procured for us; being cleansed and purged by his blood, may we be acceptable in your sight, and venture with full and certain confidence to call you Father; and may we fly to your pity and assistance in all our miseries and troubles until, at length, you shall gather us into that eternal rest which has been obtained for us through the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 52 (Daniel 9.27 - 10.3)

Grant, Almighty God, since you set before us the remarkable example of your holy prophet Daniel who wrestled even to extreme old age with various and almost innumerable trials, and yet was never mentally broken down: grant that we may be endowed with the same untiring fortitude; may we proceed in the course of our holy calling without the slightest despondency throughout whatever may happen; when we see your Church upon the brink of ruin, and its enemies plotting desperately for its destruction, may we constantly look for that liberty which you have promised; may we strive with unbroken courage, until at length we shall be discharged from our warfare, and gathered into that blessed rest which we know to be laid up for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 53 (Daniel 10.4 - 8)

Grant, Almighty God, as you appeared to Daniel your holy servant and to the other prophets and, by their doctrine, rendered your glory conspicuous to us today, that we may reverently approach and behold it; when we have become entirely devoted to you, may those mysteries which it has pleased you to offer by means of their hand and labours, receive from us their due estimation; may we be cast down in ourselves and be raised by hope and faith toward heaven; when prostrate before your face, may we so conduct ourselves in the world to become free from all the depraved desires and passions of our flesh, and dwell mentally in heaven; then at length, may we be withdrawn from this earthly warfare, and arrive at that celestial rest which you have prepared for us, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 54 (Daniel 10.9 - 14)

Grant, Almighty God, as the weakness of our faith is such that it almost vanishes on the very least occasion: grant, I pray, that we may not hesitate to derive support from this remarkable and memorable example which you propose to us in Daniel, although for a time you hide your face from us, and we lie prostrate in darkness. Remain near us; and with undoubting hope may we be steadfast in our prayers and groaning until, at length, the fruit of our



prayers shall appear. Thus may we constantly make war with all kinds of trials, and persist unconquered until you shall stretch forth your hand from heaven to us and raise us to that blessed rest which is there laid up for us by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 55 (Daniel 10.15 - 11.1)

Grant, Almighty God, as daily and lovingly you deign to grant us the light of heavenly doctrine, that we may come to your school with true humility and modesty; may our docility be really apparent; may we receive with reverence whatever proceeds from your lips and may your majesty be conspicuous among us; may we taste of that goodness which you manifest to us in your word and be enabled to rejoice in you as our Father; may we never dread your presence but may we enjoy the sweet testimony of your paternal grace and favour; may your word be more precious to us than gold and worldly treasures and, meanwhile, may we feed upon its sweetness, until we arrive at that full satiety which is laid up for us in heaven through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 56 (Daniel 11.2 - 5)

Grant, Almighty God, since you not only deigned to unfold future events to your servant Daniel, and to the pious who waited for the advent of your only-begotten Son, that they might be prepared for all sufferings, and might perceive the Church to repose under your care and protection, but also purposed that these prophecies profit us at this day to confirm us in the same doctrine: grant that we may learn how to cast all our cares and anxieties on your paternal providence; may we never doubt your oversight of the cares of your Church in these days and your protection against the fury of the ungodly who try by all means to destroy it; may we repose in peace under that guardianship which you have promised us, and struggle on under the standard of the cross; and possess our souls in patience until, at length, you shall appear as our Redeemer, with outstretched hand, at the manifestation of your Son when he returns to judge the world. Amen.

#### Lecture 57 (Daniel 11.5 - 11)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have deigned to set before our eyes as in a mirror that peculiar providence of yours by which you defend your Church: grant that, being comforted by these examples, we may learn to repose entirely upon you. Amidst the numerous disturbances by which the world is at this time agitated, may we remain quiet under your protection; may we so commit our safety to you as never to hesitate, whatever may happen, as to our future safety and security; whatever we may suffer, may it all issue in our salvation, while we are protected by your hand; thus we will call upon your name with sincerity of mind, and you will in return show yourself as our Father in your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 58 (Daniel 11.12 - 18)

Grant, Almighty God, since it pleases you to exercise our confidence by not allowing us any fixed or stable rest upon earth, that we may learn to rest in you while the world rolls over and over even a hundred times; may we never doubt our protection under your hand and the perpetual ordering of all things for our good; although we are not beyond the reach of darts, yet may we know the impossibility of our suffering under any deadly wound when you put forth your hand to shield us; may we have full confidence in you, and never cease to march under your standard with constant and invincible courage until, at length, you shall gather us into that happy rest which is laid up for us in heaven, by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 59 (Daniel 11.19 - 25)

Grant, Almighty God, that we may remain quiet under your shelter and protection in the midst of those numerous disturbances which you ever submit to our eyes in this world; may we never lose our courage when an occasion is given to Satan and our enemies to oppress us, but may we remain secure under your protection, and every hour and every moment may we fly to your guardianship; relying on your unconquered power, may we never hesitate to

pass through all commotions reposing with quiet minds upon your grace, until we are gathered at the last into that happy and eternal rest which you have prepared for us in heaven, by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 60 (Daniel 11.26 - 32)

Grant, Almighty God, that as we are instructed by your Spirit and armed by your sacred teaching, we may carry on the war bravely with open enemies and with all who boldly oppose the true faith; may we also constantly despise all domestic foes and apostates, and resist them manfully; may we never be disturbed, even if various tumults should arise in your Church; may we fix our eyes upon you, and always expect a happier issue than appears possible at the time until in due time you fulfill your promises; and may all events which now seem contrary to us issue in our salvation when your Son, our Redeemer, shall appear. Amen.

#### Lecture 61 (Daniel 11.32 - 34)

Grant, Almighty God, as at this time you try the faith of your people by many tests, that they may obtain strength from the unconquered fortitude of your Holy Spirit; may we constantly march under your standard, even to the end, and never succumb to any temptation; may we join intelligence with zeal in building up your Church; as each of us is endowed with gifts, may each strive for the edification of his brethren with greater boldness, manliness and fervour while endeavouring to see numbers added to the cause; and, should the number of those who profess to be members of your Church diminish, may some seed always remain until abundant produce shall flow from it, and such fruitfulness arise as shall cause your name to be glorified throughout the whole world, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 62 (Daniel 11.34 - 36)

Grant, Almighty God, because the affairs of the world are in a state of disturbance and wherever we turn our eyes we see nothing but horrible confusion: grant, I pray, that we may be attentive to your teaching; may we

never wander after our own imaginations, never be drawn aside by any cares, and never turn aside from our stated course; may we remain fixed on your word, always seeking you and always relying on your providence; and may we never hesitate concerning our safety as you have undertaken to be the guardian of our salvation, but ever call upon you in the name of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 63 (Daniel 11.36 - 39)

Grant, Almighty God, because in all ages the blindness of mankind has been so great as to lead them to worship you erroneously and superstitiously, and since they manifest such duplicity and pride as to despise your name and to fashion for themselves idols: grant, we pray, that true piety may be deeply rooted in our hearts; may the fear of your name be so engraved within us that we may be sincerely and unreservedly devoted to you; may each of us heartily desire to glorify your name, and may we endeavour to lead our brethren on the same course; and purge from us all dissimulation until, at length, we arrive at that perfect purity which is laid up for us in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 64 (Daniel 11.40 - 12.1)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are placed in similar distresses to those of whom you wish to warn us by your angel as well as your ancient people, that your light may shine upon us by means of your only-begotten Son; may we feel ourselves always in safety under his invincible power; may we dwell securely under his shadow, and contend earnestly and boldly to the end against Satan and all his impious crew; and, when all our warfare is over, may we arrive at last at that blessed rest where the fruit of our victory awaits us, in the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 65 (Daniel 12.1 - 4)

Grant, Almighty God, because we have to engage in battle through the whole course of our lives and as our strength is liable to fail in various ways, that we

may be supported by your power and thus persevere unto the end; may we never grow weary, but learn to overcome the whole world and to look forward to that happy eternity to which you invite us; may we never hesitate while Christ your Son fights for us, for in his hand and power our victory is placed; and may he always admit us into alliance with himself in that conquest which he has procured for us until, at length, he shall gather us on the last day into the enjoyment of that triumph in which he has gone before us. Amen.

#### Lecture 66 (Daniel 12.5 - 13)

Grant, Almighty God, since you propose to us no other end than that of constant warfare during our whole life and subject us to many cares until we arrive at the goal of this temporary race-course: grant, I pray, that we may never grow fatigued; may we always be armed and equipped for battle and, whatever the trials by which you prove us, may we never be found deficient; may we always aspire toward heaven with upright souls and strive with all our endeavours to attain that blessed rest which is laid up for us in heaven, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **12 Minor Prophets**

### **Hosea**

#### Lecture 1 (Hosea 1.1 - 2)

Grant, Almighty God, that, as you have once adopted us and continue to confirm this your favour by calling us unceasingly to yourself, and do not only severely chastise us but also gently and paternally invite us to yourself and exhort us at the same time to repentance: O grant that we may not be so hardened as to resist your goodness, nor abuse this your incredible forbearance, but submit ourselves in obedience to you; that, whenever you may severely chastise us, we may bear your corrections with genuine submission of faith and not continue untameable and obstinate to the last, but return to you the only fountain of life and salvation that, as you have begun in us a good work, so you may perfect it for the day of our Lord. Amen.

## Lecture 2 (Hosea 1.3 - 7)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have been pleased to extend your hand to us who from our beginning were lost and who continue even daily to run headlong to our own ruin, and since you have restored us to salvation for the sake of your Son: O grant that we may not by frequent sin provoke your displeasure to cause you to take away from us the mercy which you have hitherto exercised toward us and through which you have adopted us but, by your Spirit, destroy the wickedness of our heart and restore us to a sound mind, that we may ever cleave to you with a true and sincere heart and, being fortified by your defence, may we continue safe even amidst all kinds of danger, until at length you gather us into that blessed rest which has been prepared for us in heaven by our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Lecture 3 (Hosea 1.8 - 11)

Grant, Almighty God, since we have been redeemed not only from Babylonian exile but have also from hell itself, for when we were the children of wrath you freely adopted us, and when we were aliens in your infinite goodness you opened to us the gate of your kingdom that we might be made your heirs through the Son: O grant that we may walk circumspectly before you, submit ourselves wholly to you and to your Christ, and not feign to be his members, but may we really prove ourselves to be his body, and may we be so governed by his Spirit that at the last you may gather us together in your celestial kingdom, to which you invite us daily by the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Lecture 4 (Hosea 2.1 - 5)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have not only adopted us as your children before we were born, but also have been pleased, as soon as we came forth from our mother's womb, to sign us with the symbol of that holy redemption which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son, though we have by our ingratitude renounced so great a benefit: O grant that, being mindful of our defection and unfaithfulness of which we are all guilty and for

which you have justly rejected us, we may now with true humility and obedience of faith embrace the grace of your gospel once again offered to us and by which you reconcile yourself to us; and grant that we may steadfastly persevere in pure faith that we may never turn aside from the true obedience of faith but advance more and more in the knowledge of your mercy and, having strong and deep roots and being firmly grounded in the confidence of sure faith, may we never fall away from the true worship of you; and at length may you receive us in to that eternal kingdom which has been procured for us by the blood of your only Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 5 (Hosea 2.6 - 12)

Grant, Almighty God, although we are so dull and slothful, although we are often admonished because we do not yet consider our sins, and although we are chastised by your hand because we do not return immediately to a right mind: O grant, that we may hereafter profit more under your rod and not be refractory and untractable; but, as soon as you raise your hand, may each of us mourn, know our own evils and then, with one consent, surrender ourselves to be ruled by you; and may we in the meantime patiently and calmly endure your chastisements and never murmur against you, but ever aspire to the attainment of true repentance until, having at length put off all the vices and corruptions of our flesh, we attain to the fulness of righteousness, and to that true and blessed glory which has been prepared for us in heaven by Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Lecture 6 (Hosea 2.12 - 17)

Grant, Almighty God, as we set up against you so many obstacles through the depravity of our flesh and natural disposition that we seem, as it were, to be by design striving to close up the door against your goodness and paternal favour: O grant that our hearts may be so softened by your Spirit and the hardness which has hitherto prevailed may be so corrected that we may submit ourselves to you with genuine docility, especially as you so kindly and

tenderly invite us to yourself that, being allured by your sweet invitation, we may run, and so run, as not to be weary in our course until, at length, Christ shall bring us together to you and, at the same time, lead us to you for that eternal life which he has obtained for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lectures 7 (Hosea 2.18 - 23)

Grant, Almighty God, that as we are in this life subject to so many miseries, and in the meantime grow insensible in our sins: O grant that we may learn to search ourselves and consider our sins that we may be really humbled before you and ascribe to ourselves the blame of all our evils that we may be led to a genuine feeling of repentance, and so strive to be reconciled to you in Christ; that we may wholly depend on your paternal love, and thus ever aspire to the fulness of eternal felicity through your goodness and that immeasurable kindness which you testify is ready and offered to all those who with a sincere heart worship you, call upon you, and flee to you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 8 (Hosea 3.1 - 5)

Grant, Almighty God, that as you often justly hide your face from us so that on every side we see nothing but evidences of your dreadful judgment: O grant that we, with minds raised above the scene of this world, may at the same time cherish the hope which you constantly set before us; that we may feel fully persuaded that we are loved by you no matter how severely you may chastise us; and may this consolation so support and sustain our souls that, patiently enduring whatever chastisements you may lay upon us, we may ever hold fast the reconciliation which you have promised to us in Christ your Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 9 (Hosea 3.5 - 4.3)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are at this time as guilty before you as the Israelites of old were when they rebelled against your Prophets, and since you have often tried to allure us sweetly to yourself without success, and because



we have not ceased by our continual obstinacy to provoke your wrath: O grant that, being moved at least by the warnings you give us, we may prostrate ourselves before your face and not wait until you put forth your hand to destroy us but, on the contrary, strive to anticipate your judgment; and, being at the same time surely convinced that you are ready to be reconciled to us in Christ, may we flee to Him as our Mediator; and, relying on his intercession, may we not doubt that you are ready to give us pardon until, having at length put away all sins, we come to that blessed state of glory which has been obtained for us by the blood of your Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 10 (Hosea 4.4 - 10)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have kindly invited us to yourself, do daily invite us and also often interpose your threatening to rouse our inattention, and since we have been inattentive to both your reproofs and your paternal kindness: O grant that we may not continue to proceed in this our wickedness and thus provoke the vengeance you here denounce on men past recovery, but that we may anticipate your wrath by true repentance and be humbled under your hand by your word, and that you may receive us into favour and nourish us in your paternal bosom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 11 (Hosea 4.10 - 14)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are disposed and inclined to all kinds of errors and to so many varied forms of superstitions, and as Satan also does not cease to lie in wait for us, spreading before us his many snares: O grant that we may be so preserved in obedience to you by the teaching of your word that we may never turn here and there, either to the right hand or to the left, but continue in that pure worship which you have prescribed, and that we may testify plainly you are indeed our Father by continuing under the protection of your only-begotten Son, whom you have given to be our pastor and ruler to the end. Amen.

#### Lecture 12 (Hosea 4.15 - 18)

Grant, Almighty God, that since you have deigned in your mercy to gather us to your Church, and to enclose us within the boundaries of your word, by which you preserves us in the true and right worship of your majesty: O grant, that we may continue contented in this obedience to you; and though Satan may, in many ways, attempts to draw us here and there, and we be also ourselves, by nature, inclined to evil, O grant, that being confirmed in faith, and united to you by that sacred bond, we may yet constantly abide under the guidance of your word, and thus cleave to Christ your only-begotten Son, who has joined us for ever to himself, that we may never by any means turn aside from you, but be, on the contrary, confirmed in the faith of his gospel, until at length he will receive us all into his kingdom. Amen.

#### Lecture 13 (Hosea 4.19 - 5.4)

Grant, Almighty God, since you continue daily to exhort us and, though you see us often turning aside from the right course, you cease not to stretch forth your hand to us, and also to rouse us by reproofs that we may repent — O grant that we may not be permitted to reject your word with such perverseness as you condemn here in your ancient people by the mouth of your Prophet; but rule us by your Spirit, that we may meekly and obediently submit to you, and with such teachableness, that if we have not hitherto been willing to become wise, we may not at least be incurable, but suffer you to heal our diseases, so that we may truly repent, and be so wholly given to obey you, as never to attempt any thing beyond the rule of your word, and without that wisdom which you have revealed to us, not only by Moses and your Prophets, but also by your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Lecture 14 (Hosea 5.5 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, because we are by nature the children of wrath, yet you have deigned to receive us into favour and have set before us a sacred pledge of your favour in your only-begotten Son, and because we have not yet ceased to provoke your wrath against us, and also fall away by shameful perfidy from the covenant you have made with us: O grant that, being at least touched by your admonitions, we may not harden our hearts in wickedness,

but be pliant and teachable, and thus endeavour to return to your favour that, through the interceding sacrifice of your Son, we may find you a propitious Father; and that in the future we may be so wholly devoted to you that those who shall follow and survive us may be confirmed in the worship of your majesty and in true religion, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 15 (Hosea 5.10 - 15)

Grant, Almighty God, that as we continue often to kindle your wrath against us by our innumerable sins: O grant that, when you warn and would restore us to the right way, we may be pliant and without delay attend to the scourges of your hand and not wait for extreme severity but repent; and, that we may truly and from the heart seek you, let us not put on false repentance but strive to devote ourselves wholly to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 16 (Hosea 6.1 - 4)

Grant, Almighty God, since we do not, by due gratitude, respond to your favours and, after having tasted of your mercy, have willingly sought ruin to ourselves: O grant that we, being renewed by your Spirit, may not only remain constant in the fear of your name, but also advance more and more and be established; that, being thus armed with your invincible power, we may strenuously fight against all the wiles and assaults of Satan, and thus pursue our warfare to the end; and, being thus sustained by your mercy, may we ever aspire to that life which is hid for us in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 17 (Hosea 6.5 - 11)

Grant, Almighty God, that as we are prone to every kind of wickedness, and are so easily led away to imitate it when there is any excuse for going astray and any opportunity is offered: O grant that, being strengthened by the help of your Spirit, we may continue in purity of faith, and that what we have learnt concerning you, namely that you are a Spirit, may so profit us that we may worship you in spirit and with a sincere heart, and never turn aside after the

corruptions of the world nor think that we can deceive you; but may we so devote our souls and bodies to you that our life may in every part of it testify that we are a pure and holy sacrifice to you in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 18 (Hosea 7.1 - 6)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have shone upon us by your gospel: O grant that we may always be guided by this light, and so guided that all our lusts may be restrained; and may the power of your Spirit extinguish in us every sinful fervour that we may not grow hot with our own perverse desires, but, all these being subdued, that we may gather new fervour daily to breathe after you more and more; do not let the coldness of our flesh ever take possession of us, but may we continually advance in the way of piety, until we come to that blessed rest to which you invite us and which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Lecture 19 (Hosea 7.7 - 12)

Grant, Almighty God, since you see us to be so prone to all the allurements of Satan and the world, and at the same time so void of judgment and carried away by mere levity: O grant that, with your Spirit leading us, we may proceed on the right course, upon which we have entered under your guidance and directing hand, that we may never go astray from your word nor, by any means, turn aside from pursuing toward the mark which you have set before us; and, though Satan may attempt to draw us aside, may we continue steadfast in your service, and thus proceed until we arrive at that blessed rest which, after the warfare of the present life, you have promised to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 20 (Hosea 7.13 - 8.1)

Grant, Almighty God, since daily you continue to restore us to yourself, both by scourges and by your word, though we do not cease to go astray after sinful desires: O grant that, by the direction of your Spirit, we may at length so return to you, that we may never afterward fall away, but be preserved in pure

and true obedience, and thus constantly continue in the pure worship of your majesty and in true obedience that, after this life is passed, we may at last reach that blessed rest which is reserved for us in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 21 (Hosea 8.2 - 7)

Grant, Almighty God, since the rule of your true and lawful worship is sufficiently known to us, and you continue to exhort us to persevere in our course, and to abide in that pure and simple worship which you have fully approved: O grant that, in true obedience of faith, we may respond to you; and though we now see the whole world carried here and there, and all places full of the awful examples of apostasy, and so much madness everywhere prevailing, that men become more and more hardened daily; O grant that, being fortified by invincible faith against these so many temptations, we may persevere in true religion and never, at any time, turn aside from the teaching of your word, until we be gathered to Christ our King, under whom, as our head, you have promised that we shall ever be safe, and until we attain that happy life which is laid up for us in heaven, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 22 (Hosea 8.8 - 14)

Grant, Almighty God, as we have already so often provoked your wrath against us, and you have in your paternal indulgence borne with us, or at least chastised us so gently as to spare us: O grant that we may not become hardened in our wickedness but seasonably repent, and that we may not be drawn away after the inventions of our flesh, nor seek ways to flee away from you, but come straight forward to your presence, and make a humble, sincere and honest confession of our sins, that you may receive us into favour and, being reconciled to us, bestow on us a larger measure of your blessings, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 23 (Hosea 9.1 - 9.5)

Grant, Almighty God, inasmuch as you draw us at this time to yourself by so many chastisements, while we are yet insensible through the slothfulness and the indolence of our flesh: O grant that Satan may not thus perpetually harden and fascinate us; but that we, being awakened, may feel our evils and be not merely affected by outward punishments; may we rouse ourselves and feel how grievously we have in various ways offended you, that we may return to you with real sorrow; and may we so abhor ourselves that we may seek in you every delight, until we offer to you a pleasing and acceptable sacrifice by dedicating ourselves, and all we have, to you in sincerity and truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 24 (Hosea 9.6 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, that, as you shine on us by your word, we may not be blind at mid-day, nor wilfully seek darkness, and thus lull our minds asleep; but, exercising ourselves in your word, may we stir up ourselves to fear your name more and more, and thus may we present ourselves and all our pursuits as a sacrifice to you, that you may peaceably rule and perpetually dwell in us, until you gather us to your celestial habitation where there is reserved for us eternal rest and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 25 (Hosea 9.10 - 15)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have freely embraced us in your only-begotten Son and made us, from being the sons and race of Adam, a holy and blessed seed and, as we have not hitherto ceased to alienate ourselves from the grace you have offered to us: O grant that we may return to a sound mind and cleave faithfully with sincere affection of heart to your Son, retain by this bond your love, and also be retained in the grace of adoption, that your name may be glorified by us for as long as we sojourn in this world and until you gather us into your celestial kingdom, which has been purchased for us by the blood of your Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 26 (Hosea 9.16 - 10.4)

Grant, Almighty God, as you train us up with so much diligence and assiduous care, and regard us as dear and precious like an hereditary vine: O grant that we may not bring forth wild grapes, and that our fruit may not be bitter and unpleasant to you, but that we may strive so to form our whole life in obedience to your law, that all our actions and thoughts may be pleasant and sweet fruits to you; and as there is always some sin mixed up with our works, even when we desire to serve you sincerely and from the heart, grant that all stains in our works may be so cleansed and washed away by the sacrifice of your Son, that they may be to you a sacrifice of sweet odour, through the same, even Christ Jesus, who has so reconciled us to you as to obtain pardon even for our works. Amen.

#### Lecture 27 (Hosea 10.5 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, as you once appeared in the person of your only-begotten Son and have rendered in him your glory visible to us, and as you daily set forth to us the same Christ in the glass of your gospel: O grant that, fixing our eyes on him, we may not go astray nor be led here and there after wicked inventions, the fallacies of Satan, and the allurements of this world; but may we continue firm in the obedience of faith and persevere in it through the whole course of our life, until we be fully transformed into the image of your eternal glory which now in part shines in us, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 28 (Hosea 10.10 - 15)

Grant, Almighty God, as we remain in our own wickedness, though often warned and sweetly invited by you, and as you do not prevail with us by your daily instruction: O grant that we may, in a spirit of meekness, turn to your service and fight against the hardness and obstinacy of our flesh until we render ourselves submissive to you; may we not wait until you put forth your hand against us, and may we so profit under your chastisements that we repent without delay that you be not constrained to execute extreme

vengeance against us; and that we may plough without hypocrisy under your yoke, and so enjoy your special blessings that you may show yourself to us not only as our Lord but also as our Father, full of mercy and kindness, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 29 (Hosea 10.15 - 11.5)

Grant, Almighty God, as you deigned to choose us before the foundations of the world were laid, and included us in your free adoption when we were the children of wrath and doomed to utter ruin, and afterward embraced us even from the womb, and have at length favoured us with a clearer proof of your love, in calling us by your gospel into a union and communion with your only-begotten Son: O grant that we may not be unmindful of so many and such singular benefits, but respond to your holy calling, and labour to devote ourselves wholly to you; and may we labour not for one day but for the whole time designed for us here, both to live and to die according to your good pleasure, that we may glorify you to the end, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Lecture 30 (Hosea 11.6 - 11)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are too secure and torpid in our sins, that your dread majesty may come to our minds to humble us and to remove our fear; that we may learn anxiously to seek reconciliation through Christ; that we may so abhor ourselves for our sins that you may be prepared to receive us; and that unbelief may not shut the door against us, enable us to regard you to be such as you have revealed yourself, and to acknowledge that you are not like us but the fountain of all mercy; and that we may thus be led to entertain a firm hope of salvation and, relying on the Mediator, your only-begotten Son, that we may know him as the throne of grace, full of compassion and mercy: O grant that we may thus come to you, that through him we may certainly know that you are our Father, that the covenant you have made with us may never fail through our fault, and that we are your people because you have adopted us in your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



#### Lecture 31 (Hosea 11.12 - 12.5)

Grant, Almighty God, since you so kindly show yourself to us today as a Father, having presented to us a singular and an invaluable pledge of your favour in your only-begotten Son: O grant that we may devote ourselves entirely to you, and truly render you that free service and obedience which is due to a Father, that we may have no other object in life but to confirm that adoption with which you have favoured us until, gathered into your eternal kingdom, we shall partake of its fruit together with Christ Jesus your Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 32 (Hosea 12.5 - 7)

Grant, Almighty God, as you do not appear to us now in shadows and types as you did formerly to the holy fathers, but clearly and plainly in your only-begotten Son: O grant that we may be wholly given to the contemplation of your image which shines before us, and that we may be transformed into it, making increasing advances until, having put off all the filth of our flesh, we be fully conformed to that pure and perfect holiness which dwells in Christ, as in him dwells the fulness of all blessings, and thus obtain at last a participation of that glory which our Lord has procured for us by his resurrection. Amen.

#### Lecture 33 (Hosea 12.8 - 14)

Grant, Almighty God, since we have not only been created by you but, when placed in this world, you have also enriched us with abundance of all blessings: O grant that we may not transfer to others the glory due to you and, because we are admonished by your word daily, and even severely reproofed, that we may not resist you with an iron hardness but render ourselves pliable to you, and not give ourselves up to our own devices but follow, with true docility and meekness, that rule which you have prescribed in your word until, having put off all the remains of errors, we shall enjoy that blessed light which you have prepared for us in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 34 (Hosea 13.1 - 6)

Grant, Almighty God, since you so kindly call on us daily, by your voice, meekly and calmly to offer ourselves to be ruled by you, and since you have exalted us to a high degree of honour by freeing us from the dread of the devil, and from that tyranny which kept us in miserable fear, and since you have also favoured us with the Spirit of adoption and of hope: O grant that we, being mindful of these benefits, may ever submit ourselves to you, and desire only to raise our voice that the whole world may submit itself to you, and that those who seem now to rage against you may at length be brought with us to render you obedience, that your Son, Jesus Christ, may be the Lord of all, to the end that you alone may be exalted, and that we may be made subject to you, and be at the last raised up above and become partakers of that glory which has been obtained for us by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 35 (Hosea 13.7 - 13)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have given your only-begotten Son to rule us and have, by your good pleasure, consecrated him King over us, that we may be perpetually safe and secure under his hand against all the attempts of the devil and of the whole world: O grant that we may suffer ourselves to be ruled by his authority, and so conduct ourselves that he may ever continue to watch for our safety; and, as you have committed us to him that he may be the guardian of our salvation, do not allow us either to turn aside or to fall, but preserve us ever in his service, until we be gathered into that blessed and everlasting kingdom which has been procured for us by the blood of your only Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 36 (Hosea 13.14 - 14.2)

Grant, Almighty God, as we now carry about this mortal body, yes, and nourish through sin a thousand deaths within us: O grant that by faith we may ever direct our eyes toward heaven, and to that incomprehensible power which is to be manifested on the last day by Jesus Christ our Lord; grant that in the midst of death we may hope you will be our Redeemer, and enjoy that redemption which he completed when he rose from the dead; and may we not doubt that

the fruit which he brought forth by his Spirit will come also to us when Christ himself shall come to judge the world; and may we thus walk in the fear of your name, that we may be really gathered among his members to be made partakers of that glory which, by his death, he has procured for us. Amen.

#### Lecture 37 (Hosea 14.2 - 7)

Grant, Almighty God, as we are immediately so miserable when you your favour from us: O grant that we may deeply feel this conviction and thus learn to be humble before you and to hate ourselves; and, in the meantime, may we not deceive ourselves, by those allurements which commonly prevail, to put our hope in creatures or in this world, but may we raise our minds upward to you, fix our hearts on you, and never doubt that, when you embrace us with your paternal love, we shall want nothing; in the meantime, may we suppliantly flee to your mercy and, with true and genuine confession, acknowledge our only protection to be that you deign to receive us into favour and to abolish our sins, into which we not only daily fall but by which we also deserve eternal death, that we may daily rise through your free pardon, until our Redeemer Christ, your Son, shall appear to us from heaven. Amen.

### **Joel**

#### Lecture 38 (Joel 1.1 - 4)

Grant, Almighty God, since almost the whole world gives such loose reins to licentiousness that it does not hesitate to despise and regard your sacred word as of no value: Grant, O Lord, that we may always retain that reverence which is justly due to it and your holy oracles, and may we be moved whenever you deign to address us that, being truly humbled, we may be raised up by faith to heaven and by hope gradually attain that glory which is as yet hid from us; and may we, at the same time, submissively restrain ourselves to make it our whole wisdom to obey you and do you service, until you gather us into your kingdom, where we shall be partakers of your glory, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 39 (Joel 1.4 - 11)

Grant, Almighty God, since by various means you invite us daily to repentance, and continue to urge us because you see our extreme tardiness: O grant that we may be awakened from our indifference; do not let us to be inebriated by the charms of Satan and the world, but by your Spirit rouse us to real groaning that, being ashamed of ourselves, we may flee to your mercy, and not doubt that you will be propitious to us, provided we call on you with a sincere heart and seek that reconciliation which you daily offer to us by your gospel in the name of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 40 (Joel 1.12 - 20)

Grant, Almighty God, since you see us surrounded with the infirmity of our flesh and so held by and, as it were, overwhelmed with earthly cares that we can hardly raise up our hearts and minds to you: O grant that, being awakened by your word and daily warnings, we may feel our evils, and that we may not only learn by the stripes you inflict on us but also, by our own accord, summon ourselves to judgment, and examine our hearts, and thus come to your presence, being our own judges; and that we may anticipate your displeasure, and thus obtain that mercy which you have promised to all who, turning only to you, deprecate your wrath and also hope for your favour, through the name of one Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Lecture 41 (Joel 2.1 - 11)

Grant, almighty God, since you invite us daily with so much kindness and love, and make known to us your paternal goodwill which you have shown to us in Christ your Son: O grant that, being allured by your goodness, we may surrender ourselves wholly to you, and become so teachable and submissive that wherever you guide us by your Spirit you may follow us with every blessing; let us not, in the meantime, be deaf to your warnings; and, whenever we deviate from the right way, grant that we may immediately wake

up when you warn us and return to the right path, and may it please you also to embrace us and reconcile us to yourself, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 42 (Joel 2.12 - 14)

Grant, Almighty God, because you see us to be so foolish to nourish our vices, and also to be ensnared by the gratifications of the flesh that, without being constrained, we hardly return to you: O grant that we may feel the weight of your wrath, and be so touched with the dread of it, that we will return gladly to you, laying aside every dissimulation, and devote ourselves entirely to your service, thus showing that we have from the heart repented, and that we have not trifled with you by an empty pretence, but have offered to you our hearts as a sacrifice, that we and all our works might be sacred offerings to you through our whole life, and that your name may be glorified in us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 43 (Joel 2.15 - 20)

Grant, Almighty God, because we continue to excite your wrath against us and are so insensible, though you exhort us daily to repentance: O grant that what your prophet teaches may so penetrate into our hearts, and be like a sounding trumpet, that we may be really and sincerely made humble before you, and so touched with the sense of your wrath, that we may learn to put off all the depraved affections of our flesh, and not merely deplore the sins we have already committed; and look upon us in future that we may diligently walk in your fear, and consecrate ourselves wholly to you; and, as you have deigned to choose us for your inheritance, and gather us under your Christ, may we so live under him as our leader until we be gathered into your celestial kingdom to enjoy that happy rest which you have promised to us, which you promise daily, and which has been purchased by the blood of the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Lecture 44 (Joel 2.21 - 28)

Grant, Almighty God, since we want so many aids in this frail life and, as it is a shadowy life, we cannot pass a moment except you continually and at all times supply through your bounty what is needful: O grant that we may so profit by the many benefits you lavish upon us that we may learn to raise our minds upward and ever aspire after the celestial life to which, by your gospel, you so kindly and sweetly invite us every day, that, being gathered into your celestial kingdom, we may enjoy that perfect felicity which has been procured for us by the blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Lecture 45 (Joel 2.28 - 31)

Grant, Almighty God, because we are surrounded on every side by so many miseries and because our condition is such that, amidst groans and continual sorrows, our life could be hardly sustained without being supported by spiritual grace: O grant that we may learn to look on the face of your Anointed and seek comfort from him, and such a comfort as may not engross our minds, or at least not retain us in the world, but raise our thoughts to heaven and daily persuade our hearts of the testimony of our adoption, and, though many evils must be borne by us in this world, may we yet continue to pursue our course and to fight and to strive with invincible perseverance until, having at length finished all our struggles, we reach that blessed rest which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Lecture 46 (Joel 2.32 - 3.3)

Grant, Almighty God, since you not only invite us continually by the voice of your gospel to seek you, but also offer to us your Son as our Mediator through whom an access to you is open, that we may find you a propitious Father: O grant that, relying on your kind invitation, we may through life exercise ourselves in prayer; and, as so many evils disturb us on all sides, and so many wants distress and oppress us, may we be led more earnestly to call on you and, in the meantime, be never wearied in this exercise of prayer; and being through life heard by you, may we at length be gathered to your eternal kingdom where we shall enjoy that salvation which you have promised to us,

and of which also you daily testify to us by your gospel, and may we be for ever united to your only-begotten Son of whom we are now members, that we may be partakers of all the blessings which he has obtained for us by his death. Amen.

#### Lecture 47 (Joel 3.4 - 11)

Grant, Almighty God, because we are assailed on every side by enemies, and since it is not only wicked people who are incensed against us but also Satan, who musters his forces and contrives in various ways to ruin us: O grant that, being furnished with the courage your Spirit bestows, we may fight to the end under your guidance and never be wearied under any evil; and, at the same time, may we be humbled under your mighty hand when it pleases you to afflict us and to sustain all our troubles that, with a courageous mind, we may strive for that victory which you promise to us and, having completed all our struggles, that we may at length attain that blessed rest which is reserved for us in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 48 (Joel 3.12 - 21)

Grant, Almighty God, as we have in this world to fight continually, not only with one kind of enemy but with numberless enemies, and not only with flesh and blood, but also with the devil, the prince of darkness: O grant that, being armed with your power, we may persevere in this contest; and, when you afflict us for our sins, may we learn to humble ourselves and so submit to your authority that we may hope for the redemption promised to us; and, though tokens of your displeasure may often appear to us, may we ever raise our minds by hope to heaven and from there look for your only-begotten Son until, coming as the Judge of the world, he gathers us and brings us to the fruition of that blessed and eternal life which he has obtained for us by his own blood. Amen.

## **Amos**

### Lecture 49 (Amos 1.1 - 5)

Grant, Almighty God, since you see us to be of a disposition so hard and rebellious that we are not drawn to you without great difficulty: O grant that we may be subdued by the threatenings you daily denounce on us; being humbled and drawn by your word, may we give up ourselves to you; not only allowing ourselves to be constrained by punishments and corrections, may we also obey you with a willing mind; and may we most readily offer ourselves to you as a sacrifice of obedience, that, being ruled by the Spirit of your Son, we may at length attain that blessed rest which has been prepared for us by the same, your Son our Lord. Amen.

### Lecture 50 (Amos 1.5 - 15)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have purposed by so many examples to teach the world to fear your name, that we may improve under your mighty hand and not abuse your forbearance, nor gather for ourselves a treasure of dreadful vengeance through our obstinacy and unreformable wickedness; but, while it is the accepted time, may we respond to your gracious invitations and repent while you offer us reconciliation, that, being brought to nothing in ourselves, we may gather courage through the grace offered to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### Lecture 51 (Amos 2.1 - 7)

Grant, almighty God, since we see such grievous punishments formerly executed on unbelievers who never tasted the pure knowledge of your word, that we may be warned by their example to abstain from all wickedness, and to continue in pure obedience to your word; and, as you have made known to us that you hate all those superstitions and depravations by which we turn aside from your word, grant that we may ever be attentive to that role you have prescribed for the Law, the prophets and the gospel, that we may constantly abide in your precepts and be wholly dependent on the words of your mouth; and, thus, may we never turn aside either to the right hand or to



the left, but, as you have commanded us, may we glorify your name by offering to you a true, sincere and spiritual worship, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 52 (Amos 2.8 - 13)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have not only redeemed us by the blood of your only-begotten Son, but also guide us during our earthly pilgrimage, supplying us with whatever is needful: O grant that we may not be unmindful of your many favours nor turn away from you to follow our sinful desires, but may we continue bound to your service and never burden you with our sins, and may we submit ourselves willingly to you in true obedience that, by glorifying your name, we may honour you both in body and soul until, at length, you gather us into that blessed kingdom which has been obtained for us by the blood of your Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 53 (Amos 2.14 - 3.8)

Grant, Almighty God, since daily you are pleased to exhort us to repentance, and do not suddenly execute your judgment by which we might be in an instant overwhelmed, but give us time to seek reconciliation: O grant that we may attend to your teaching and all your admonitions and threatenings, and that we may become teachable and obedient to you, lest you be constrained, on finding us hardened against your threatening and wholly irreclaimable, to bring on us extreme vengeance; make us, then, to submit ourselves to you in the spirit of teachableness and obedience that, being placed under the protection of your Son, we may truly call on you as our Father and find you to be so in reality when you show to us that paternal love which you have promised, and which we, who have truly and from the heart called on your name, have all experienced from the beginning, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 54 (Amos 3.8 - 14)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are worthy of eternal destruction because we provoke you daily with our sins and in us no good remains; and, though severely chastised with temporal punishments, you have not taken from us the hope of mercy promised in your Son to those who truly, from the heart, repent and call on you as their Father: O grant that, being touched with the sense of our evils, in true humility, and with the genuine feeling of penitence, we may offer ourselves as a sacrifice to you, and seek pardon with such groaning that, having undergone temporal punishments, we may finally enjoy that grace laid up for all sinners who truly and from the heart turn to you and implore you for that mercy which has been prepared for all those who really prove themselves to be the members of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 55 (Amos 3.14 - 4.6)

Grant, Almighty God, since you would have our life to be conformed to the rule of your law, and since you have revealed in it what pleases you, that we may not wander in uncertainty but render you obedience: O grant that we may wholly submit ourselves to you; may we not only devote our life and all our labours to you, but also offer to you, as a sacrifice, our understanding and whatever prudence and reason we may possess, that, by spiritually serving you, we may really glorify your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen

#### Lecture 56 (Amos 4.7 - 13)

Grant, Almighty God, since you kindly invite us to yourself by your word, that we may not turn deaf ears to you but anticipate your rod and scourges; and when, for the stupidity and thoughtlessness by which we have become inebriated, you add those punishments by which you sharply urge us to repent, O grant that we may not continue wholly intractable, but turn our hearts to your service, and submit ourselves to the yoke of your word; that we may be so instructed by the punishments which you inflict upon us, that we may truly and from the heart turn to you and offer ourselves to you as a sacrifice; that you may govern us according to your will, and so rule all our affections by your

Spirit; and that we may through the whole of our life strive to glorify your name in Christ Jesus, your Son our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 57 (Amos 4.13 - 5.7)

Grant, Almighty God, since you see us to be so entangled, not only by depraved lusts but also by the allurements of Satan, and by our own ignorance and blindness: O grant that, being roused by your word, we may at the same time learn to open our eyes to your wholesome warnings by which you call us to yourself; and, since we cannot do this without your Spirit being our guide and leader, grant that he may enlighten our eyes to the end that, being truly and from the heart married to you, we may know that you are propitious and ready to hear all who unfeignedly seek you; and, being reconciled to you in Christ, may we also know that you are to us a propitious Father who will bestow on us all kinds of blessings until, at length, you gather us to your celestial kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 58 (Amos 5.8 - 13)

Grant, Almighty God, because we cannot see with our eyes your infinite and incomprehensible glory which is hid from us, that we may learn, at least by your works, what your great power is, so as to be humbled under your mighty hand, and may we never trifle with you as hypocrites are wont to do; but, with a really sincere heart and pure hands, may our whole life testify that a true fear of your name prevails in our hearts; and grant, whilst we devote ourselves wholly to your service, that we may courageously and with invincible hearts fight against all those corruptions by which we are on every side beset until, having finished our warfare, we attain to that celestial rest which has been prepared for us by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 59 (Amos 5.14 - 20)

Grant, Almighty God, seeing we are so sleepy and, yes, so fascinated by our sins that nothing is more difficult for us than to put off our own nature and to renounce that wickedness to which we have become habituated: O grant that,

being really awakened by your scourgings, we may truly return to you and, having wholly changed our disposition and renounced all wickedness, that we may sincerely from the heart submit ourselves to you, and so look forward to the coming of your Son, that we may cheerfully and joyfully wait for him by ever striving after such a renovation of life as may strip us of our flesh and all corruptions until, being at length renewed in your image, we become partakers of that glory which has been obtained for us by the blood of the same, your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 60 (Amos 5.21 - 27)

Grant, Almighty God, since you see us prone to corrupt superstitions and restrained by your word with so much difficulty: O grant that, being strengthened by your Spirit, we may never turn aside either to the right hand or to the left but be ever attentive to you alone; may we never worship you presumptuously, nor pollute the worship of you with our outward pomp; but may we call on you with a sincere heart and, resting on your aid, flee to you with all our needs, and never abuse your holy name which you have designed to be engraved on us; and may we be conformed to the image of your Son that we may know you truly as our Father and ourselves to be your children, in the name of the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 61 (Amos 6.1 - 7)

Grant, Almighty God, since at this time you show yourself to be justly offended with us, and since our own consciences reprove us, inasmuch as dreadful tokens appear by which we may learn how much, and in how many ways, we have provoked your wrath: O grant that we may be really touched with the consciousness of our evils and, being afflicted in our hearts, may we be so humbled that, without any outward affliction, we may wholly submit ourselves to be reproved by you and, at the same time, flee to that mercy which is laid up for us, and which you daily offer to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 62 (Amos 6.8 - 14)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are extremely deaf to those many holy warnings by which you continue to recall us to yourself, and since we always harden ourselves against those threatenings by which you terrify us but which you send that we may be broken or at least corrected of our hardness: O grant, though late, but yet in time before final vengeance comes, that we may attend to your word and submit ourselves to you and, with a teachable spirit, may we take on your yoke that you might receive us into favour, graciously reassure us of your paternal kindness and, being reconciled to us, that you might grant us those blessings which you have promised to all your children who are the members of your only-begotten Son our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 63 (Amos 7.1 - 9)

Almighty God, since you suspend your hand in chastising us to the end that, unless we be wholly blind and stupid, we may acknowledge we are spared and willingly return to you and, being allured by the gentleness of your forbearance, that we may submit ourselves to you with willing obedience: O grant, when you defer extreme punishment, that we may not harden our hearts, nor be slow, nor slothful, nor even backward to repent, but that we may strive to anticipate your final vengeance and submit ourselves to you that we may be pardoned while there is time, and so hasten to offer our hearts, whole and sincere, to you and so repent, while urged by extreme danger, that there may not remain any hidden hypocrisy in our hearts, but that we may search every faculty of our soul that you may become to us a real and faithful witness of that integrity which you require of all who return to you to obtain pardon through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 64 (Amos 7.10 - 15)

Grant, Almighty God, since you permit reins so loose to Satan that he attempts in all manner of ways to subvert your servants: O grant that they who have been sent and moved by you, and at the same time furnished with the

invincible strength of your Spirit, may go on perseveringly to the last in the discharge of their office; and whether their adversaries assail them by crafts, or oppose them by open violence, may they not desist from their course, but devote themselves wholly to you, with prudence as well as with courage, that they may thus persevere in continual obedience; and dissipate all the mists and all the crafts which Satan spreads to deceive the inexperienced, until the truth emerge, which is the conqueror of the devil and of the whole world, and until your Son, the Sun of Righteousness, appears that he may gather the whole world and that, in your rest, we may enjoy the victory which is to be daily obtained by us in our constant struggles with the enemies of the same, your only Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 65 (Amos 7.16 - 8.5)

Grant, Almighty God, since you do not cease each day to warn us to repent and anticipate your judgment: O grant that we may not be so deaf and slow as to delay until our vices be ripened, lest no remedy should remain for us; but, on the contrary, being tamed and subdued by your threatening, may we flee to your mercy, and so consider your judgments at a distance that we may not provoke your wrath by our perverseness, but rather dispose you to pardon us by striving to be reconciled to you in the name of Christ your Son; and by doing this, not only with the mouth and tongue, or any other outward means, but also with a real feeling of heart and a life corresponding to it, may we present ourselves in uprightness and sincerity as your children, and may you show yourself to us as a Father, in the same Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 66 (Amos 8.6 - 12)

Grant, Almighty God, since you continue to recall us to yourself and, even though you see us to be alienated from you, you extend your hand to us, you exhort and stimulate us often by holy admonitions, and you even frighten us by punishments, that we may not run headlong to our own ruin: O grant that we may not be deaf to your holy and gracious admonitions, nor be hardened against your threatening, but that we may be instantly submissive, return to

the right way, constantly proceed in it, and follow one vocation through our whole life, as long as you continue it for us, until we reach the mark set before us, even until we be gathered into your celestial kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 67 (Amos 8.13 - 9.6)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have shown to us, by remarkable evidences, that all things are under your command and that we, who live in this world through your favour, are as nothing, for you could reduce us to nothing in a moment: O grant that, being conscious of your power, we may reverently fear your hand, and be wholly devoted to your glory; and, as you kindly offer yourself to us as a Father, may we be drawn by this kindness, and surrender ourselves wholly to you by a willing obedience, and never labour for any thing through life but to glorify your name, as you have redeemed us through your only-begotten Son, that we may also enjoy through him that eternal inheritance which is laid up for us in heaven. Amen.

#### Lecture 68 (Amos 9.7 - 12)

Grant, Almighty God, since we see everywhere so many evident tokens of your displeasure, and know grievous ones are deserved when we duly consider how grievously we have provoked your wrath and how wickedly the whole world rages against you and, at the same time, abuses your many and excellent benefits: O grant that we may ever remember your covenant, and entertain a perpetual confidence in your only-begotten Son that, whenever it may please you to sift us, you may keep us in safety until we come, not into an earthly storehouse but into your celestial kingdom, where we shall be partakers of that glory which your Son has obtained for us by once for all redeeming us, and that we may ever remain under his guardianship and protection. Amen.

## **Obadiah**

### Lecture 69 (Obadiah 1-4)

Grant, Almighty God, since you see us beset on every side by so many enemies, even by those who constantly devise means to destroy us, and that we are so very weak and feeble: O grant that we may learn to look up to you, and that our trust may so rest on you that, no matter how exposed we may be to all kinds of danger, we may never doubt that you are ever armed with sufficient power to terrify our enemies; and thus may we quietly live even amidst all dangers, never ceasing to call on your name, knowing that you have promised to be the sure and faithful defender of our safety, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### Lecture 70 (Obadiah 5 - 11)

Grant Almighty God, since you have received us under your protection, and have promised that our salvation shall be cared for by you that, no matter what Satan and the whole world may contrive, you will yet keep us safe and secure: O grant that, being endued with perseverance, we may remain obedient and faithful and not be carried away here and there by either craft or wicked counsels; be pleased to keep us in genuine integrity that, being protected by your help, we may find true in our experience that which you declare in your word, that they, who call on you in truth, shall ever know you to be propitious to them; and, since you have already made open to us an access to you in the person of your only-begotten Son, O grant, that we, the sheep, may rely on him as our shepherd, and with resignation abide under his protection, until we be removed from all danger into that eternal rest, which has been obtained for us by the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Lecture 71 (Obadiah 12 - 20)

Grant, Almighty God, since your people are so scattered in their pilgrimage in this world, that a dreadful spectacle is presented to our eyes when we see your Church so miserably rent asunder: O grant that, being endued with the power of your Spirit, and gathered into one, we may so cultivate brotherly kindness



among ourselves that each may strive to help one another and, at the same time, keep our eyes fixed on Christ Jesus; and, though hard contests may await us, may we ever be under his care and protection, and so exercise patience that, having finished our warfare, we may at the last enjoy that blessed rest which you have promised to us, which is laid up for us in heaven, and which has been purchased for us by the blood of Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

## **Jonah**

### Lecture 72 (Jonah 1.1 - 3)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have not sent a Jonah to us whilst alienated from every hope of salvation, but have given your Son to be our Teacher, to show to us clearly the way of salvation, and, not only to call us to repentance by threatening and terrors, but, with kindness, to allure us to the hope of eternal life, and to be a pledge of your paternal love: O grant that we may not reject so remarkable a favour offered to us, but willingly, and from the heart, obey you; and though the condition which you set before us in your gospel may seem hard, and though the bearing of the cross is bitter to our flesh, yet may we never cease to obey you but ever sacrifice ourselves for you; and, having overcome all the hindrances of this world, may we thus proceed in the course of our holy calling, until we be gathered into your celestial kingdom under the guidance of Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

### Lecture 73 (Jonah 1.4 - 7)

Grant, Almighty God, though we are disquieted in the midst of so many upheavals, that we may learn, with tranquil minds, to rest on your grace and promise, by which you testify that you will be ever near us, and may we not wait until, by a strong hand, you draw us to yourself; but, on the contrary, may we be ever attentive to your providence; may we know that our life not only depends on a thread, but also vanishes like the smoke unless you protect it; may we rest wholly on your power; while in a cheerful and quiet state, may we so call upon you that, relying on your protection, we may live in safety and,

at the same time, be careful lest that torpor which draws away our minds and thoughts from meditating on the divine life should creep over us; and may we earnestly seek you in the morning and the evening, and at all times, that we may through life advance toward the mark you have set before us, until we reach that heavenly kingdom which Christ your Son has obtained for us by his own blood. Amen

#### Lecture 74 (Jonah 1.7 - 12)

Grant, Almighty God, as you urge us to repentance daily, and as each of us is also stung with the consciousness of his own sins: O grant that we may not grow stupid in our vices, nor deceive ourselves with empty flatteries, but that each of us may, on the contrary, carefully examine his own life and then, with one mouth and heart, confess that we are all guilty, not only of light offences, but of such as deserve eternal death, and that no other relief remains for us but your infinite mercy; and grant that we may so seek to become partakers of that grace which has been once offered to us by your Son, and is daily offered to us by his gospel, that, relying on him as our Mediator, we may not cease to entertain hope even in the midst of a thousand deaths, until we be gathered into that blessed life which has been procured for us by the blood of your only Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 75 (Jonah 1.13 - 17)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have set before us your holy prophet Jonah as an awful example of your wrath against all who rebel and disobey you: O grant that we may learn to subject all our thoughts and affections to your word, to the end that we may not reject anything that pleases you, but learn to live and die for you, to ever regard your will, and to undertake nothing except what you testify to be approved by you; and so, throughout our life, may we fight under your banner and obey your word, until we reach that blessed rest which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son, and is laid up for us in heaven through the hope of his gospel. Amen.

#### Lecture 76 (Jonah 2.1 - 7)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have given us such evidence of your infinite power in your servant Jonah, whose mind, when he was almost sunk down into hell, you raised up to yourself and supported with firm constancy, that he did not cease to pray and call upon you: O grant, in the trials by which we must be exercised daily, that we may raise our minds upward to you, and never cease to think you are near; and, when the signs of your wrath appear, and our sins thrust themselves before our eyes to drive us to despair, may we constantly struggle and never surrender the hope of your mercy until, having finished all our contests, we may freely and fully give thanks to you and praise your infinite goodness that, as we experience daily being conducted through continual trials, we may come at last into that blessed rest laid up for us in heaven, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 77 (Jonah 2.8 - 3.5)

Grant, Almighty God, because there is so much timidity in us that none of us is prepared to follow where you may call, and being instructed by the example of your servant Jonah, that we may obey you in every thing; and, though Satan and the world may oppose us with all their terrors, may we yet be strengthened by a reliance on your power and the protection which you have promised to us; may we go on in the course of our vocation and never turn aside, but contend against all the hindrances of this world, until we reach that celestial kingdom where we shall enjoy you and Christ, your only-begotten Son, our strength and our salvation; and may your Spirit quicken, us and strengthen all our faculties, that we may obey you, to the end that your name may be glorified in us, and that we may be partakers of that glory to which you invite us through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 78 (Jonah 3.6 - 10)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are loaded with so many vices and so many sins, yes, and scandalous crimes break out daily among us: O grant that we may not be hardened against so many exhortations by which you invite us to

yourself but, being made contrite in spirit whenever you denounce on us your wrath, may we be really humbled and so place ourselves before your tribunal; may we, by a true confession and genuine fear, anticipate the judgment which would otherwise have been prepared for us; and, in the meantime, relying on Christ our Mediator, may we entertain such a hope of pardon as may raise us up to you, not doubting that you are ready to embrace us when we are moved by a true and real feeling of fear and penitence, since such is a proof of your favour and, by your Spirit, testifies that you be a Father to us; may we be so cast down in ourselves that we look up to heaven in hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 79 (Jonah 4.1 - 4)

Grant, Almighty God, since you see us implicated in so many errors that we often fall through want of thought, and as you see that the violent emotions of our flesh wholly blind whatever reason and judgment there is in us: O grant that we may learn to give ourselves up altogether to obey you and honour your wisdom that we may never to contend with you, though all things may happen contrary to our wishes; may we patiently wait for such an issue as it may please you to grant; and may we never be disturbed by any of the hindrances which Satan may throw in our way, but ever go on toward the mark which you have set before us, never turning aside from you until, having gone through all dangers and overcome all impediments, we shall at length reach that blessed rest which has been obtained for us by the blood of your Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 80 (Jonah 4.5 - 11)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have in various ways testified, and daily continue to testify, how dear and precious mankind is to you, and as we enjoy each day so many and so remarkable proofs of your goodness and favour: O grant that we may learn to rely wholly on your goodness, many examples of which you set before us and would have us to experience continually, that we may not only pass through our earthly course, but also confidently aspire to

the hope of that blessed and celestial life which is laid up for us in heaven, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **Micah**

### Lecture 81 (Micah 1.1 - 5)

Grant, Almighty God, since in former times you chose to show much grace to a perverse and in every way rebellious people, and to stretch forth your hand to them by your prophets continually to exhort them to repentance: O grant that the same word may sound in our ears; and, when we do not immediately profit from your teaching, O cast us not away but, by your Spirit, subdue all our thoughts and affections that, being humbled, we may give glory to your majesty as is due to you; and, being allured by your paternal favour, may we submit ourselves to you and, at the same time, embrace that mercy which you offer and present to us in Christ, that we may not doubt you will be a Father to us until, at the last, we shall enjoy that eternal inheritance which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

### Lecture 82 (Micah 1.6 - 14)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are warned by so many examples, the record of which you have designed to continue to the end of the world, that we may learn how dreadful a judge you are to the perverse: O grant that, at this time, we may not be deaf to your teaching, conveyed to us by the mouth of your prophet, but that we may strive to be reconciled to you that we may present ourselves unreservedly to you; and, relying on your mercy alone, which you have promised to us in Christ, may we not doubt that you will be propitious to us; and, being so touched with the spirit of true penitence, may each of us lead others to the right way of salvation and endeavour to assist our neighbours in a holy life, that together we may attain that blessed and celestial life, which your only-begotten Son has procured for us by his own blood. Amen.

### Lecture 83 (Micah 1.15 - 2.6)

Grant, Almighty God, because it pleases you to try our patience by requiring mutual justice and the offices of love and benevolence: O grant that we may not be wolves one to another, but show ourselves to be really your children by observing all those duties of justice and kindness which you command, and thus follow what is right and just through the whole course of our life, that, at length, we may enjoy that blessedness which is laid up for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Lecture 84 (Micah 2.7 - 11)

Grant, Almighty God, since we cannot really profit from your word without having all our thoughts and affections subjected to you and offered to you as a sacrifice: O grant that we may suffer you, by the sound of your word, so to pierce through everything within us that, though dead in ourselves, we may live for you and never suffer flatteries that lead to our ruin; but, on the contrary, may we patiently endure reproofs, no matter how bitter they may be; let them serve as the medicine by which our inward vices may be cleansed until, being thoroughly cleansed and formed into new creatures, we may, by a pious and holy life, really glorify your name and be received into that celestial glory which has been purchased for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Lecture 85 (Micah 2.12 - 3.5)

Grant, Almighty God, as you would have the image of your justice to shine in princes, and whom you arrest with the sword that they might rule in your name and really be your ministers: O grant that this, your blessing, may openly appear among us that, by this evidence, you may testify you are not only propitious to us but also have a care for our safety and watch over our welfare and well-being; and cause your word to shine that it may never be obscured or clouded among us through any depraved cupidity, but ever retain its own clear purity, that we may proceed on the path of salvation which you have revealed and prescribed, until, at length, we be gathered into your

celestial kingdom to enjoy that eternal inheritance which has been procured for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 86 (Micah 3.6 - 10)

Grant, Almighty God, since you would have us to be ruled by the preaching of your word: O grant that those who are called to discharge this office may be endued with your celestial power; may they not attempt anything by themselves but, with all devotedness, spend all their labours for you and for our benefit; and thus may we be so edified that you ever dwell among us and, through our whole life, may we be the habitation of your Majesty; and, at the last, may we come to your heavenly sanctuary, where you invite us daily and where an entrance has been opened once for all to us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 87 (Micah 3.11 - 4.2)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have been pleased to erect the throne of your Son among us, that we may rely on his protection and learn to resign ourselves wholly to you, and never turn aside here and there but, with full obedience, submit ourselves to him your appointed King, that he may own us as his legitimate people and we glorify your name; at the same time, may we never profane your throne by an ungodly and wicked life, but testify by our works that we are really your subjects and that you have full authority over us; and thus may your name be sanctified and your Spirit really guide us until at length your Son, who gathered us when we were gone astray, gathers us into that kingdom which he has purchased for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 88 (Micah 4.2 - 4)

Grant, Almighty God, since at the coming of Christ your Son you did really perform what your servants the prophets had previously foretold, and since you invite us daily to the unity of faith, that with united efforts we may truly serve you: O grant that we may not continue torn asunder, everyone pursuing his own perverse inclinations, at a time when Christ is gathering us to you; nor

let us profess only with the mouth and in words that we are under your government, but may we prove that we sincerely know we are; and may we add to the true and lawful worship of your name brotherly love toward one another that, with united efforts we may promote each other's good, our adoption be proved, and may it be more and more confirmed that we may ever be able, with full confidence, to call on you as our Father through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 89 (Micah 4.5 - 10)

Grant, Almighty God, since, under the guidance of your Son, we have been united together in the body of your Church, which has been so often scattered and torn asunder: O grant that we may continue in the unity of faith, perseveringly fight against all the temptations of this world, and never deviate from the right course, whatever new troubles may arise each day; and, though we are exposed to many deaths, do not let us be seized with fear, such as may extinguish in our hearts every hope; but, on the contrary, may we learn to raise up our eyes and minds, and all our thoughts, to your great power, by which you quicken the dead and raise from nothing things which are not, that though we may be daily exposed to ruin our souls may ever aspire to eternal salvation, until at length you really show yourself to be the fountain of life, when we shall enjoy that endless felicity which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son, our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 90 (Micah 4.11 - 5.2)

Greet, Almighty God, since we do not cease to provoke your wrath against us, and as it is needful for us to be often chastised by your hand, that we may be humbled and learn to submit ourselves to you in true and willing obedience: O grant that we do not faint under your scourges, but ever raise up our minds to the hope of deliverance which you give to us through our Mediator, whom you have sent into the world once for all that, through him, you might reconcile us to yourself, and through whom also you bring help whenever we need it; and, at the same time, may we learn to rely on your only-begotten Son that, with



courageous minds, we may pass through all the miseries of this world, and never at any time grow weary until, having obtained the victory, we come to that blessed rest and enjoy the fruit of our victory, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 91 (Micah 5.2 - 6)

Grant, Almighty God, since from the beginning you have so defended your Church that you have never wholly forsaken her and, though she has nearly rejected you by her defections, it has been your pleasure to stand firm to your covenant, and to show to her your favour through all ages, until the everlasting Redeemer of the whole world appeared: O grant that we may experience the same favour in this day, and though we have in various ways provoked your wrath against us, humble us that we may know you sustaining us by your hand; and may we so rest on those promises which we find in Scripture that we may, at length, through patience overcome our enemies, and in patience possess our souls until you raise up your hand and show the invincible power which you have given to your only-begotten Son, that he might repress the devil and all the wicked, and preserve us safe and secure from all injuries. Amen.

#### Lecture 92 (Micah 5.7 - 15)

Grant, Almighty God, since with such great kindness you invite us to yourself and promise that your aid to us shall never be wanting, provided we do not close the door against you: O grant that, though many earthly benefits may be granted to us, we may not trust in them and depart from you but, on the contrary, rest only on your grace; and then, should it happen we are deprived of all helps, may our minds be awakened and we learn to hasten to you; may nothing impede our course that, with the greatest haste and ardent desire, we do not fail to long to deliver up and devote ourselves wholly to you and thus be made safe under the care and protection of your only-begotten Son, whom you have appointed the guardian of our safety. Amen.

#### Lecture 93 (Micah 6.1 - 8)

Grant, Almighty God, because you have made known to us your Law, have added your gospel, in which you call us to your service, and also, with all kindness, invite us to partake of your grace: O grant that we may not be deaf either to your command or to the promises of your mercy, but render ourselves in both instances submissive to you and so learn to devote all our faculties to you; that we may in truth avow that a rule of a holy and religious life has been delivered to us in your law; and that we may also firmly adhere to your promises lest, through any of the allurements of the world, or through the flatteries and crafts of Satan, you should suffer our minds to be drawn away from that love which you have once manifested to us in your only-begotten Son, and in which you daily confirm us by the teaching of the gospel, until we shall come to the full enjoyment of this love in that celestial inheritance which has been purchased for us by the blood of your only Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 94 (Micah 6.8 - 14)

Grant, Almighty God, because you can find in us cause enough to execute not only one kind of vengeance but innumerable kinds of vengeance, so as to destroy us altogether: O grant that we may of our own accord anticipate your judgment and with true humility so abhor ourselves that there may be kindled in us a genuine desire to seek what is just and right, and thus endeavour to devote ourselves wholly to you that we may find you to be propitious to us; and, since we offend you in so many ways, grant that with true and sincere faith we may raise up all our thoughts and affections to your only-begotten Son who is our propitiation, that, you being appeased, we may lay hold on him and remain united to him by a sacred bond, until you gather us all into that celestial kingdom which he has procured for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 95 (Micah 6.15 - 7.4)

Grant, Almighty God, seeing we are born in a most corrupt age in which such licence is taken to indulge in wickedness that hardly a spark of virtue appears:

O grant that we may yet continue upright in the midst of thorns; constantly keep us under the direction of your Word that we may cultivate true piety and what is just toward our neighbours; and, as there is in us no power to preserve ourselves in safety, grant that your Son may so protect us by the power of the Holy Spirit that we may continue to advance toward the end of our course, until are be gathered into that celestial kingdom, which he has procured for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 96 (Micah 7.5 - 10)

Grant, Almighty God, seeing we are surrounded by so many miseries - yes, wherever we turn our eyes innumerable evils meet us everywhere, these being evidences of your displeasure: O grant that, being truly humbled before you, we may be enabled, at the same time, to raise up our eyes to the promises of your free goodness and paternal favour, which you have made to us in your own Son; that we may not doubt that you will be propitious to us, since you have adopted us as your people; and, while our enemies, fully armed, rage and ferociously rise up against us daily, may we not doubt that you will be our protection, as you know we are unjustly troubled by them; and may we thus go on, trusting in your goodness, seeing that we ever groan under the burden of our sins, and daily confess that we are worthy of a thousand deaths before you, if you were not pleased, in your infinite mercy, always to receive and restore us to favour, through your Son, our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 97 (Micah 7.11 - 14)

Grant, Almighty God, since we have so provoked your displeasure by our sins that a dreadful waste and solitude appear everywhere: O grant that a proof of that favour, which you have so remarkably exhibited toward your ancient people, may shine upon us, that your Church may be raised up in which true religion may flourish and your name be glorified; and may we daily solicit you in our prayers, and never doubt that, under the government of your Christ, you can again gather together the whole world, though it be miserably dispersed; that we may persevere in this warfare to the end, until we shall

know at length that we have not hoped in you in vain, and that our prayers have not been in vain, when Christ shall exercise the power given to him for our salvation, and for that of the whole world. Amen.

#### Lecture 98 (Micah 7.15 - 20)

Grant, Almighty God, since we abound in so many vices, by which we provoke your wrath daily, and, by the testimony of our consciences, we are justly exposed to everlasting death, yes, and deserve a hundred and even a thousand deaths: O grant that we may strive against the unbelief of our flesh and so embrace your infinite mercy, that we may not doubt you will be propitious to us; may we not abuse this privilege by taking liberty to sin but, with fear, true humility and care so walk according to your word that daily we may not hesitate to flee to your mercy and thereby be sustained and kept in safety until, having put off all vices and being freed from all sin, we come to your celestial kingdom to enjoy the fruit of our faith, even that eternal inheritance which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

### **Nahum**

#### Lecture 99 (Nahum 1.1 - 5)

Grant, Almighty God, since you set before us in your Word, as in a mirror, how dreadful your wrath is, that we may be humbled before you and cast ourselves down before your awesome power: O grant that by this instruction we may be really prepared for repentance and suppliantly deprecate that punishment which we daily deserve for our transgressions; in the meantime, may we be transformed into the image of your Son, put off all our depraved lusts, and be cleansed from our vices, until we shall appear in confidence before you and be gathered among your children to enjoy the eternal inheritance of your heavenly kingdom obtained for us by the blood of your Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 100 (Nahum 1.6 - 12)

Grant, Almighty God, inasmuch as you see your enemies at this time raging with cruel and even diabolic fury against your Church, that we may find you to be the same as the faithful found you in all former ages, namely the defender of the safety of those who truly, and with a sincere heart, call upon you and seek you in extreme necessity; on this day stretch forth your hand and so restrain the fury which you see against all your servants and children, that the wicked may really find, even to their ruin, they fight not with miserable, disheartened and defenceless mortals, but against your ineffable power; may they be confounded and, no matter how they may clamour against you and your invincible hand, may they be an example and a manifest evidence that you are not only faithful in your promises but also armed with power, by which you execute whatever you have promised respecting the preservation of your Church, until you gather us into that blessed rest which has been provided for us by the blood of your Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 101 (Nahum 1.12 - 2.2)

Grant Almighty God, since we are chastised daily by your scourges, that we may know we are justly punished and so examine our whole life that, with true and sincere confession, we may humbly flee to your mercy offered to us by your gospel in Christ our Lord; and, since you also show us so many favours, may we not be ungrateful; may no forgetfulness of your grace creep over us; but may we exercise ourselves through our whole life in the worship of your name and, in giving you thanks, so offer to you with our tongues the sacrifices of praise, that our whole life may be consistent and thus glorify your name on earth, until we are gathered into your celestial kingdom through the same Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 102 (Nahum 2.2 - 8)

Grant, Almighty God, since you constantly remind us in your word, and teach us by so many examples, that there is nothing permanent in this world, that the things which seem firm tend to ruin, instantly fall and, of themselves,

vanish away when by your breath you shake the strength in which men trust: O grant, we being subdued and humbled, that we may not rely on earthly things but raise our hearts and our thoughts to heaven, and there fix the anchor of our hope; may all our thoughts abide there; and may we be ever reassured, when you have led us through our course on earth, that we shall be gathered into that celestial kingdom which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 103 (Nahum 2.9 - 3.1)

Grant, Almighty God, since we read in your Word of dreadful punishments denounced on all tyrants and plunderers, and because such warnings are to keep us within the limits of justice to the end that none of us abuse our power to oppress the innocent, may we strive to benefit one another and wholly regulate ourselves according to the rule of equity; may we also receive comfort whenever the ungodly molest and trouble us, never doubting that we are under your protection and that you are armed with power sufficient to defend us; and may we patiently bear injuries until the ripened time shall come for you to help us and put forth your power for our preservation; do not let us cease to bear our evils with patience for as long as it may be your will to exercise us in our present warfare until, having gone through all our troubles, we come to that blessed rest which has been provided for us in heaven by Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 104 (Nahum 3.2 - 10)

Grant, Almighty God, since by your awful judgments you show your displeasure at the pride of this world, that we may be ruled by the spirit of meekness, and humble ourselves willingly under your hand; that we may not experience your dreadful power in our destruction but, on the contrary, being supported by your strength, may we keep ourselves in our own proper station and in true simplicity; and, at the same time, relying on your protection, may we never doubt that you will sustain us against all the assaults of our enemies, no matter how violent they may be, and thus persevere in the warfare of the

cross which you have appointed for us, until we are gathered into that celestial kingdom where we shall triumph together with your Son, when his glory shall shine in us and all the wicked shall be destroyed. Amen.

#### Lecture 105 (Nahum 3.11 - 19)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are not able to keep a firm footing in the way of justice and uprightness: O grant that, being governed by your Spirit, we may restrain ourselves from doing any harm, and thus abstain from all evil deeds; that we may labour to do good to all that, by experience, we may find all who conform to the rule of your Law are protected by you; may we take no advantage of the simple, either for the purpose of ruining or injuring them, but being content with our own small portion, may we know that there is nothing better than to be wholly subject to you and your guidance; and thus may we live in forbearance and justice toward our neighbours that, at the same time, we may rely on your mercy, by which alone we can be defended and made safe against so many assaults of Satan and of the wicked until, at length, having completed the course of our warfare, we shall come into that blessed rest which has been prepared for us in heaven by Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

### **Habakkuk**

#### Lecture 106 (Habakkuk 1.1 - 6)

Grant, Almighty God, because our sins cry continually to heaven, that each of us may seek to repent and, by condemning ourselves of our own accord, we may anticipate your judgement and stir up ourselves to repentance that, being received into your favour, we may find you, whom we have provoked to take vengeance, to be indeed our Father; may we be so preserved by you in this world that, at length, having put off all our vices, we may attain that perfection of purity to which you invite us; and, thus, lead us more and more to yourself by your Spirit, and separate us from the corruptions of this world, that we may glorify you before men, and be made partakers of that celestial glory which has been purchased for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 107 (Habakkuk 1.7 - 12)

Grant, Almighty God, since you set around us so many terrors, that we may know we ought to be roused to resist the sloth and tardiness of our flesh, to the end that you may fortify us with confidence; may we so rest on your aid that we may boldly triumph over our enemies and never doubt that, at length, you will give us the victory over all the assaults of Satan and of the wicked; and may we also so look to you that our faith may wholly rest on that eternal and immutable covenant which has been confirmed for us by the blood of your only Son, until we shall be united to him who is our head, having passed through all the miseries of the present life, and gathered into that eternal inheritance which your Son has purchased for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 108 (Habakkuk 1.12 - 17)

Grant, Almighty God, as it cannot but be that, owing to the infirmity of our flesh, we must be shaken and tossed here and there by the many turbulent commotions of this world: O grant that our faith may be sustained by the knowledge that you are the governor of the world, that men are not only created by you but also preserved by your hand, and that you are a just judge; may we duly restrain ourselves and, though we must often bear many insults, never let us fail but grant that our faith shall become victorious in all trials and, having passed through a continued succession of contests, we shall at length reach that celestial rest which Christ your Son has obtained for us. Amen.

#### Lecture 109 (Habakkuk 2.1 - 3)

Grant, Almighty God, as you see us labouring under so much weakness, yes, with our minds so blinded that our faith falters at the smallest perplexities and almost fails altogether: O grant that, by the power of your Spirit, we may be raised up above this world, and learn more and more to renounce our own counsels, and so to come to you, that we may stand fixed in our watch-tower, ever hoping, through your power, for whatever you have promised to us, though you should not immediately make it manifest to us that you have spoken faithfully; and may we thus give full proof of our faith and patience,



and proceed in the course of our warfare until, at length, we ascend above all watch-towers into that blessed rest where we shall no more watch with an attentive mind, but see face to face in your image whatever can be desired and whatever is needful for our perfect happiness, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 110 (Habakkuk 2.4)

Grant, Almighty God, as the corruption of our flesh ever leads us to pride and vain confidence, that we may be illuminated by your word to understand how great and grievous is our poverty, and thus be taught wholly to deny ourselves and so to present ourselves naked before you, that we may not hope for righteousness or for salvation from any other source than from your mercy alone, nor seek any rest but only in Christ; and may we cleave to you by the sacred and inviolable bond of faith, that we may boldly despise all those empty boastings by which the ungodly exult over us, and that we may also so cast ourselves down in true humility that we may be carried upward above all heavens, and become partakers of that eternal life which your only-begotten Son has purchased for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 111 (Habakkuk 2.4 - 6)

Grant, Almighty God, as you deign to condescend to sustain the care of this life and to supply us with whatever is needful for our pilgrimage: O grant that we may learn to rely on you, and so to trust to your blessing, as to abstain not only from all plunder and other evil deeds, but also from every unlawful coveting; and to continue in your fear, and so to learn also to bear our poverty on the earth that, being content with those spiritual riches which you offer to us in your gospel and of which you make us now partakers, we may ever cheerfully aspire after that fullness of all blessings which we shall enjoy when at length we shall reach the celestial kingdom and be perfectly united to you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 112 (Habakkuk 2.7 - 14)

Grant, Almighty God, as we are so inclined to do wrong that everyone is naturally disposed to consider his own private advantage: O grant that we may confine ourselves by that restraint which you lay on us by your prophets, so that we may not allow our coveting to break forth that we commit wrong or iniquity, but confine ourselves within the limits of what is just, and abstain from what belongs to others; may we also so learn to console ourselves in all our distresses that, though we may be justly oppressed by the wicked, we may yet rely on your providence and righteous judgement, and patiently wait until you deliver us; and make it manifest that, whatever the wicked devise for our ruin so cleaves to them to return and recoil at length on their own heads; and may we so fight under the banner of the cross that we may possess our souls in patience until we shall attain that blessed life which is laid up in heaven for us, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Lecture 113 (Habakkuk 2.15 - 19)

Grant, Almighty God, as there is in us so little right judgement, and as our minds are blind even at mid-day: O grant that your Spirit may always shine in us and, being attentive to the light of your word, may we keep to the right way through the whole course of our pilgrimage and subject both ourselves and every action of our life to you, that we may not be led by any allurements into the same ruin with the ungodly, who would deceive and entrap us and who lie in wait on every side; but, being ruled by the counsel of your Spirit, may we beware of all their intrigues; and may we, especially as to our spiritual life, be so given up to you alone, as ever to keep ourselves far away from the defilements of all people, and so remain in the pure worship of your majesty that the ungodly may never draw us away into the same delusions with themselves by which Satan so mightily deceives them; but may we follow him as our leader whom you would have to be our ruler, even Christ your Son, until he gathers us all into that celestial kingdom which he has purchased for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 114 (Habakkuk 2.19 - 3.1)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have deigned to make yourself known to us by your word, and as you elevate us to yourself in a way suitable to the ignorance of our minds: O grant that we may not continue fixed in our stupidity, but may we put off all superstitions, renounce all the thoughts of our flesh, and seek you in the right way; may we suffer ourselves to be so ruled by your word that we may purely from the heart call upon you, and so rely on your infinite power, that we may not fear to despise the whole world and every adversity on the earth until, having finished our warfare, we shall be gathered into that blessed rest which your only-begotten Son has procured for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 115 (Habakkuk 3.2 - 7)

Grant, Almighty God, as we have a continual contest with powerful enemies, that we may know that we are defended by your hand and that even you are fighting for us when we are at rest, so that we may boldly contend under your protection and never be wearied nor yield to Satan and the wicked, nor to any temptations; may we firmly proceed in the course of our warfare and no matter how much you may humble us, so as to make us tremble under your awful judgement, may we never cease to entertain a firm hope, since you have promised to be to us an eternal Father in your eternal and only-begotten Son; and, being confirmed by the invincible constancy of faith, may we so submit ourselves to you that we may bear all our afflictions patiently until you gather us into that blessed rest which has been procured for us by the blood of your own Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 116 (Habakkuk 3.8 - 13)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have so often and in such various ways testified formerly how much care and solicitude you have for the salvation of those who rely and call on you: O grant that at this time we may experience the same: and, though your face is justly hid from us, may we yet never hesitate to flee to you, since you have made a covenant through your Son, which is founded in your infinite mercy; grant then, that we, being humbled in true penitence, may

so surrender ourselves to your Son; that we may be led to you, and find you to be no less a Father to us than to the faithful of old, as you everywhere testify to us in your word until, being freed from all troubles and dangers, we come to that blessed rest which your Son has purchased for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 117 (Habakkuk 3.14 - 19)

Grant, Almighty God, as we do not cease daily to provoke your wrath against us, and as the hardness and obstinacy of our flesh is so great that it is necessary for us to be in various ways afflicted: O grant that we may patiently bear your chastisements and, under a deep feeling of sorrow, flee to your mercy; in the meantime, may we persevere in the hope of that mercy which you have promised and which has been once exhibited towards us in Christ, that we may not depend on the earthly blessings of this perishable life but, relying on your word, may proceed in the course of our calling, until we shall at length be gathered into that blessed rest which is laid up for us in heaven, through Christ one Lord. Amen.

### **Zephaniah**

#### Lecture 118 (Zephaniah 1.1 - 4)

Grant, Almighty God, as we are so prone to corruption and so easily turn from the right course after we have commenced it, and we so easily degenerate from the truth once known: O grant that, being strengthened by your Spirit, we may persevere to the end in the right way which you show to us in your word, and that we may also labour to restore the many who abandon themselves to various errors; and, though we may effect nothing, do not let us be led away after them, but remain firm in the obedience of faith until, having finished all these contests, we shall be gathered into that blessed rest which is prepared for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 119 (Zephaniah 1.5 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, as we continue in so many ways to provoke against us your wrath, that we may patiently bear the punishment by which you would correct our faults, and also anticipate your judgment; and, since you are pleased to recall us in due time to yourself, do not let us turn deaf ears to your counsels, but so obey and submit ourselves to you, that we may become partakers of that mercy which you offer to us, provided we seek to be reconciled to you and so proceed in your service that, under the government of Christ your Son, whom you have appointed to be our supreme and only king, we may so strive to be wholly devoted to you and that you may be glorified through our whole life, until we become at length partakers of that celestial glory which has been procured for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen

#### Lecture 120 (Zephaniah 1.9 - 12)

Grant, Almighty God, as almost the whole world breaks out into such excess that there is no moderation and no reason: O grant that we may learn, not only to confine ourselves within those limits which you approve and command, but also to delight and glory in the smallness of our portion, inasmuch as the wealth, and honours, and pleasures of the world so fascinate the hearts and minds of all that they elevate themselves into heaven and carry on war, as it were, avowedly with you; grant also to us that, in our limited portion, we may be in such a way humbled under your powerful hand as never to doubt that you will be our deliverer even in our greatest miseries; and, ascribing to you the power over life and death, may we be fully assured that whatever afflictions happen to us proceed from your just judgment that we may be led to repentance and daily exercise ourselves in it, until we shall come to that blessed rest which is laid up for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 121 (Zephaniah 1.13 - 2.2)

Grant, Almighty God, as we continue in various ways to provoke your wrath, that we may at length be awakened by the blasting of that trumpet which shall sound in our ears when you proclaim that you will be the judge of the world,

and testify also the same so plainly in the gospel, that we may, with our minds raised up to you, learn to renounce all the depraved lusts of the world and, having shaken off our torpidity, we may so hasten to repent that we may anticipate your judgment and find we are reconciled to you, enjoy your goodness and ever retain the taste of it that we may be enabled to renounce all the allurements and pleasures of this world, until we shall come to that blessed rest, where we shall be filled with that unspeakable joy which you have promised to us and which we hope for in Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 122 (Zephaniah 2.3 - 8)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have been pleased to consecrate us as a peculiar people for yourself, that we may be mindful of such an invaluable favour and devote ourselves wholly to you, and may we so labour to cultivate true sincerity as to bear the marks of your people and of your holy Church; and, as we are so polluted by so many defilements of our own flesh and of this world, grant that your Holy Spirit may cleanse us more and more every day, until you bring us to that perfection to which you invite us by the voice of your gospel, that we may also enjoy that blessed glory which has been provided for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 123 (Zephaniah 2.9 - 15)

Grant, Almighty God, as you try us in the warfare of the cross and arouse most powerful enemies whose barbarity might justly terrify and dishearten us if we were not depending on your aid: O grant that we may call to mind how wonderfully in former times you did deliver your chosen people, and how at the right time you brought them help when they were oppressed and entirely overwhelmed, so that at this time we may learn to flee to your protection and never doubt that, when you become propitious to us, there is in you sufficient power to preserve us and to lay prostrate our enemies, no matter how much they may now exult and think to triumph above the heavens, that at length they may know by experience that they are earthly and frail creatures whose life and condition is like the mist which soon vanishes; and may we learn to

aspire after that blessed eternity, which is laid up for us in heaven by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 124 (Zephaniah 3.1 - 5)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have deigned to favour us with an honour so invaluable as to adopt us as your holy people, and to separate us from the world: O grant that we may not close our eyes against the light of your truth, by which you show to us the way of salvation; but may we with true docility follow where you call us and never cast away the fear of your majesty, nor mock you with frivolous ceremonies, but strive sincerely to devote ourselves wholly to you, and to cleanse ourselves from all defilements, not only of the flesh, but also of the spirit that, by thus seeking true holiness, we may aspire after and diligently labour for that heavenly perfection from which we are as yet far distant; and may we in the meantime, relying on the favour of your only-begotten Son, lean on your mercy and, while depending upon it, may we ever grow up more and more into that true and perfect union reserved for us in heaven, when we shall be made partakers of your glory, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 125 (Zephaniah 3.6 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, since it is the principal part of our happiness that in our pilgrimage through this world there is open to us a familiar access to you by faith: O grant that we may be able to come with a pure heart into your presence and, when our lips are polluted, purify us by your Spirit, that we may not only pray to you with the mouth, but also prove that we do this sincerely without any dissimulation, and that we earnestly seek to spend our whole life in glorifying your name until, being at length gathered into your celestial kingdom, we may be truly and really united to you, and made partakers of that glory which has been procured for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 126 (Zephaniah 3.10 - 13)

Grant, Almighty God, since the depravity of our nature is so great that we cannot bear prosperity without some wantonness of the flesh immediately raging in us, and without becoming even arrogant against you: O grant that we may profit under the trials of the cross; and, when you have blessed us, may we with lowly hearts renounce our perverseness and submit ourselves to you, and not only bear your yoke submissively, but proceed in this obedience all our life, and so contend against all temptations as never to glory in ourselves, but be convinced that all true and real glory is laid up for us in you, until we shall enjoy it in your celestial kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 127 (Zephaniah 3.14 - 19)

Grant, Almighty God, as we are at this time so scattered on account of our sins, and even they who seem to be collected in your name and under your authority, are yet so torn by mutual discords that the safety of your Church hangs as it were on a thread, while in the meantime your enemies seem, with savage cruelty, to destroy all those who are yours and to obliterate your gospel: O grant that we may live in quietness and resignation, hope in your promises, and not doubt that in due time you will be our deliverer; and may we so patiently bear to be afflicted and cast down by you, that we may ever raise up our groans to heaven so as to be heard through the name of your Son until, being at length freed from every contest, we shall enjoy that blessed rest which is laid up for us in heaven, and which your only-begotten Son has procured for us. Amen.

### **Haggai**

#### Lecture 128 (Haggai 1.1 - 4)

Grant, Almighty God, as we must carry on a warfare in this world, and as it is your will to try us with many contests: O grant that we may never faint, however extreme the trials which we shall have to endure may be; and, as you have favoured us with so great an honour as to make us the framers and builders of your spiritual temple, may every one of us present and consecrate



himself wholly to you; and, inasmuch as each of us has received some peculiar gift, may we strive to employ it in building this temple, that you may be worshipped among us perpetually; and, especially, may each of us offer himself wholly as a spiritual sacrifice to you, until we shall be renewed in your image and be received into a full participation of that glory which has been attained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 129 (Haggai 1.5 - 11)

Grant, Almighty God, since you invite us to yourself with such kindness and grace that we may not wait until you stimulate us with goads, but cast aside our sloth and run quickly to you; and, when our torpor so possesses us to render punishment necessary, do not permit us to harden ourselves; but, being effectually warned, we return to the right way and strive to render all we do to be approved by you, may we find a door opened to your grace and favour; and, being made partakers of those so blessed that we are afforded a taste of that goodness which we shall enjoy in heaven, may we ever aspire to be there and to be satisfied with the abundant blessings which we daily and even continually receive from your hand, that we shall not to be detained by this world; but may we, with minds raised up to heaven, ever tend upward and labour for that perfect happiness which is laid up for us there by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 130 (Haggai 1.12 - 2.5)

Grant, Almighty God, as we are not only alienated in mind from you, but also often relapse, after having been stirred up by you, either into perverseness or into our own vanity, or are led astray by various things that nothing is more difficult than to pursue our course until we reach the end of our race: O grant that we may not confide in our own strength, nor claim for ourselves more than what is right but, with our hearts raised above, may we depend on you alone, and constantly call on you to supply us with new strength; so confirm us that we may persevere to the end in the discharge of our duty until we shall attain the true and perfect form of that temple which you command us to

build, in which your perfect glory shines forth, and into which we are to be transformed by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 131 (Haggai 2.5 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are by nature extremely prone to superstition, that we may carefully consider what is the true and right way of serving you, as you desire and approve, even that we offer ourselves spiritually to you and seek no other altar but Christ, and, relying on no other priest, hope to be acceptable and devoted to you, that he may imbue us with the Spirit which has been fully poured on him, that we may from the heart devote ourselves to you, and thus proceed patiently in our course, that with minds raised upwards we may ever go on toward that glory which is as yet hid under hope, until it shall be manifested in due time, when your only-begotten Son shall appear with the elect angels for our final redemption. Amen.

#### Lecture 132 (Haggai 2.10 - 14)

Grant, Almighty God, as we come from our mother's womb wholly impure and polluted, and afterward continually contract so many new defilements: O grant that we may flee to the fountain which alone can cleanse us; and, as there is no other way by which we can be cleansed from all the defilements of the flesh, except we be sprinkled by the blood of your only-begotten Son by the hidden power of your Spirit, and thus renounce all our vices: O grant that we may so strive truly and sincerely to devote ourselves to you, as daily to renounce more and more all our evil affections, and to have nothing else as our object, but to submit our minds and all our affections to you, by really denying ourselves, and to exercise ourselves in this strenuous effort as long as we are in this world, until we attain to that true and perfect purity which is laid up for us in your only-begotten Son, when we shall be fully united to him, having been transformed into that glory into which he has been received. Amen.

#### Lecture 133 (Haggai 2.15 -23)

Grant, Almighty God, as we are still restrained by our earthly cares, and cannot ascend upward to heaven with so much readiness and alacrity as we ought: O grant, since you extend to us daily so liberal a supply for the present life, that we may at least learn you are our Father, and that we may not at the same time fix our thoughts on perishable things, but learn to elevate our minds higher and so make continual advances in your spiritual service, until we come to the full and complete fruition of that blessed and celestial life which you have promised to us, and procured for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

## **Zechariah**

### Lecture 134 (Zechariah 1.1 - 4)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have not only once embraced us in your paternal bosom, when it pleased you to offer to us the salvation obtained by the death of your only-begotten Son, but also continue daily to invite us to yourself and to recall the wandering to the right way: O grant that we may not always remain deaf and hardened against your warnings, but bring to you hearts really submissive and study so to devote ourselves to you that it may be evident that we have not received your grace in vain; and may we also continue in the constant fruition of it, until we shall fully attain that blessed glory which, having been obtained for us, is daily set before us by the teaching of the gospel that we may be confirmed in it; may we, therefore, make such continual advances through the whole course of our life that, having at last put off all the corruptions of our flesh, we may be really united to you in that perfect purity to which you invite us, and which we hope for through the grace of your only Son. Amen.

### Lecture 135 (Zechariah 1.5 - 11)

Grant, Almighty God, since we live here as in thick darkness, and are also surrounded with so much darkness of ignorance that we often entertain doubts as to your providence and think ourselves forsaken by you whenever you do not immediately succour us: O grant that, with our minds raised above, we

may contemplate those things which you have once revealed to your servant Zechariah and not doubt that you look on us also and command your angels to take care of us, to raise us up in their hands, and to guide us in all our ways, yes, in all the crooked windings of this life, so that we may learn to commit ourselves to be wholly ruled by you, and thus suffer ourselves to be drawn and turned here and there in the world, so as still to follow the way which you have pointed out to us, and to proceed straight towards the mark which you have been pleased to set before us, until we shall be gathered into that eternal rest, which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 136 (Zechariah 1.12 - 17)

Grant, Almighty God, though we are continually tossed here and there by various trials, and because Satan does not cease to shake our faith: O grant that we may yet stand firm on the promise you have given us, and which also you have confirmed through your only-begotten Son, namely that you will ever be propitious and reconcilable to us, that we may not despair in our greatest troubles but, relying on your goodness, we may utter our groans to you until the ripened time of our deliverance shall come; in the meantime do not let us envy the evanescent happiness of your enemies, but patiently wait, while you show that the chief object of desire is to have you propitious to us, and that accursed is every good thing which the ungodly receive while they provoke you and make you angry, until Christ shall at length reveal to us the real happiness and glory of your Church, when he shall appear at the last day for our salvation. Amen.

#### Lecture 137 (Zechariah 1.17 - 2.5)

Grant, Almighty God, as we are on every side surrounded by many enemies, and as Satan never ceases to kindle the fury of many, not only to be hostile to us but also to destroy and consume us: O grant that we may learn to raise up our eyes to heaven and, trusting in your protection, may boldly fight in patience, until that which you have once testified in this remarkable prophesy

shall appear, namely that there are many smiths in your hall, and many hammers by which you break in pieces those horns which rise up to scatter us and, after having overcome all the devices of Satan, we shall reach that blessed rest which has been provided for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 138 (Zechariah 2.6 - 10)

Grant, Almighty God, as you see that we continually tremble in the midst of dangers and often stumble and fall through the infirmity of our flesh: O grant that we may learn so to rely on the strength and help which you promise to us, that we may not hesitate to pass through all kinds of dangers and with boldness and firmness fight under your banner; and may we be thus gathered more and more into the unity of your Church until, having finished all our troubles and contests, we shall reach that blessed and celestial rest which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 139 (Zechariah 2.11 - 3.4)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have made us a royal priesthood in your Son, that we may daily offer to you spiritual sacrifices and be devoted to you both in body and soul: O grant that, being endued with your power, we may boldly fight against Satan and never doubt that finally you will give us the victory, though we may have to undergo many troubles and difficulties; and may the contempt of the world not frighten nor dishearten us, but may we patiently bear all our reproaches until you stretch forth your hand to raise us up to that glory, the perfection of which now appears in our Head, and shall at last be clearly seen in all the members in the whole body, even when he shall come to gather us into that celestial kingdom which he has purchased for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 140 (Zechariah 3.5 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, because by nature we do not willingly submit to the reproach and contempt of the world: O grant that, with our hearts lifted up to

heaven, we may become indifferent to all reproach, and that our faith may not succumb nor vacillate, though profane men may ridicule us while serving you under the cross; may we patiently wait until Christ shall appear in the splendour of his priesthood and kingdom; and may we, in the meantime, contemplate the excellency with which you have adorned your Church, and thus be encouraged to connect ourselves with those few and despised men, who faithfully and sincerely follow your word; may we disregard the arrogance of the whole world and never doubt that, if we remain grounded in the pure doctrine of the gospel, you will raise us up to heaven, yes, and above all heavens, where we shall enjoy that blessedness which your only-begotten Son has obtained for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 141 (Zechariah 3.10 - 4.6)

Grant, Almighty God, because you shine on us by your word and show to us the way of salvation, that we may on that light with open eyes look and, as we are blind also at mid-day, open our eyes; may the inward light of your Spirit lead us to the light of your word, that we may not doubt that you alone are sufficient to supply us with all those things which are necessary for the enjoyment of celestial life that, by thus distilling on us frequently and continually, you may refresh us, that the light of faith, which has been kindled in our hearts by your grace, may never be extinguished, until at length we shall attain to that fullness which has been laid up for us in heaven; and may we now in part be satisfied with the measure of knowledge which you have given us, until we shall see you face to face and, being thus transformed to your image, may we enjoy the fullness of that glory into which Christ our Lord has been received. Amen.

#### Lecture 142 (Zechariah 4.7 - 14)

Grant, Almighty God, since Satan sets against us many terrors to cast us down, and we are very weak: O grant that, with our eyes lifted above, we may meditate on that invincible power which you possess and by which you can overcome all the hindrances of this world; and then, when nothing in this world

but what is contemptible appears to us as capable to confirm and support our faith, may we, by the eye of faith, behold your hidden power and never doubt that you will at perform what the world at this time thinks to be impossible and therefore ridicules; and may we constantly persevere in this confidence that every one of us may devote to you his labour to the end, and never faint in the work of promoting the spiritual building until, at length, we ourselves shall be gathered, and others shall be gathered, through our labours, to offer to you, not only spiritual sacrifices such as you receive now from us, but also to offer to you, together with the angels, eternal sacrifice of praise and triumphant thanksgiving, on seeing perfected what at this time is only weakly begun. Amen.

#### Lecture 143 (Zechariah 5.1 - 11)

Grant, Almighty God, as you threaten us with severe punishment to restrain us from sin, that we may regard your judgment and not abuse your long-suffering in sparing us for a time; and also that, whenever you chastise us, we may seriously consider that we deserve your displeasure, as we have in various ways provoked your wrath; and may we not at the same time despair or be broken down, but learn so to rest on your mercy as not to doubt that there will be a seasonable end to the evils we face, and that you will not only mitigate the rigour of punishment as far as necessary for our comfort, but also punish our enemies that we may know that nothing is better for us, or more desirable, than to be chastised by your hand, not that you may destroy us, but recall us to the way of salvation, until we be made capable of receiving that favour which has been laid up for us in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 144 (Zechariah 6.1 - 8)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are here exposed to so many evils, which often suddenly arise like violent tempests: O grant that, with hearts raised up to heaven, we may acquiesce in your hidden providence, and not be so tossed here and there according to the judgment of our flesh that we remain fixed in this truth which you would have us to believe; namely that all things are

governed by you and that nothing takes place except through your will; that in the greatest confusions we may always clearly see your hand and that your counsel is altogether right, perfect, wise and just; and may we ever call upon you, and flee to you when we are tossed here and there, and may you ever sustain us by your hand until we shall be received into that blessed rest which has been procured for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 145 (Zechariah 6.9 - 15)

Grant, Almighty God, since your Son has been made known to us, through whom is brought to us the perfection of all blessings and of true and real glory: O grant that we may continue settled in him, and never turn here and there, nor fluctuate in any way, but be so satisfied with his kingship and priesthood to deliver ourselves wholly to his care and protection, and never doubt that we are so sanctified by his grace as to be now acceptable to you and, relying on him as our Mediator, may we offer ourselves as a sacrifice to you with full confidence of heart, and thus strive to glorify you through the whole course of our life, that at length we may be made partakers of that celestial glory which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 146 (Zechariah 7.1 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, as we are so inclined to dissimulation, that we may learn strictly to examine ourselves and to descend into our own consciences, that none of us may sleep in self-delusion, but be so displeased with our hidden vices, as in the meantime to aspire after and, with every care and labour, to attain true religion, and so strive to devote ourselves wholly to you, that we may groan under the burden of our sins, and so suppliantly flee to your mercy, as at the same time to be touched with true penitence until, having at length put off the corruptions of our flesh, we shall be received into that purity which has been prepared for us in heaven by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 147 (Zechariah 7.10 - 14)



Grant, Almighty God, as you have adopted us, that we may show brotherly kindness one toward another and labour for our mutual benefit: O grant that we may prove, by the whole tenor of our life, that we have not been called by you in vain, but that we may so live in harmony with each other that integrity and innocence may prevail among us; and may we so strive to benefit one another that your name may be glorified by us until, having at length finished our course, we reach the goal which you have set before us and, having at last gone through all the evils of this life, we may come to that blessed rest which has been prepared for us in heaven by Christ our Lord. Amen

#### Lecture 148 (Zechariah 8.1 - 8)

Grant, Almighty God, though we daily depart from you by our sins, that we may not be wholly removed from the foundation on which our salvation depends; sustain us, or even raise us up when we fall, that we may ever continue in our calling and return to you in true repentance; and, whatever may happen to us, may we learn always to look to you that we may never despair of your goodness which you have promised to be firm and perpetual, and, especially while relying on your only-begotten Son our Mediator, may we be able to call on you as our Father until we shall, at length, come to that eternal inheritance, which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 149 (Zechariah 8.9 - 13)

Grant, Almighty God, as you see us to be cold and frigid when all our actions ought to be consecrated to you and all our members devoted to your service in obedience to your word: O grant that we may courageously strive every day against our natural indifference, contend with all hindrances, and boldly repel all assaults which Satan may make that, though our fervour may not be such as it ought to be, we may with sincere desire and genuine affection of heart ever advance in the course of our calling, until we reach the goal and be

gathered into your kingdom to enjoy the victory which you have promised to us and with which you also daily favour us, until it be fully enjoyed, when we shall be gathered into your celestial kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 150 (Zechariah 8.14 - 19)

Grant, Almighty God, as with such kindness and graciousness you invite us to yourself, that we may not be refractory but, with every evil affection subdued, offer ourselves to your service; and since you require nothing else from us but to observe what is right toward one another, O grant that we may be mindful of that brotherhood which your only-begotten Son has consecrated by his own blood, call on you as our Father, and prove by the whole of our conduct that we are your children; and may every one of us so labour for one another that, being united in heart and affection, we may with one consent aspire after that blessed life where we shall enjoy that inheritance which has been prepared and obtained by the blood of your Son, and through him laid up for us in heaven. Amen.

#### Lecture 151 (Zechariah 8.20 - 9.1)

Grant, Almighty God, as with kindness and graciousness you extend your hand to us, not only to show us the right way, but also to lead us through our whole life, and even to sustain us when wearied, and to raise us up when fallen: O grant that we may not be ungrateful for this, your great kindness, but render ourselves obedient to you; and may we not experience the dreadful power of your judgment, which you denounce on all your enemies who are to sustain a vengeance that is to sink them in the abyss of endless perdition; but may we suffer ourselves to be ever raised up by your hand until we shall reach that blessed rest to which you invite us, and are ready to lead us, where we shall enjoy the fullness of those blessings which have been obtained for us by your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 152 (Zechariah 9.2 - 9.8)

Grant, Almighty God, as the ungodly take such delight in their own filth that the weakness of our faith is somewhat disturbed by their pride and arrogance: O grant that we may learn to lift up our eyes to your judgments, and patiently wait for what is now concealed, until you put forth the power of your hand and destroy all those who now cruelly rage and shed innocent blood and persecute your Church in every way they can; and may we so cast ourselves on your care as not to doubt that you are sufficient for our safety and that at length you will make evident what you have testified, even that there is so much protection in your hand, that we may safely boast that we are safe and blessed, as long as you are pleased to exercise care over us, until we shall reach that blessed rest, which has been prepared for us in heaven by Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 153 (Zechariah 9.9 - 12)

Grant, Almighty God, as we do not look for a Redeemer to deliver us from temporal miseries, but carry on a warfare under the banner of the cross until he shall appear for us from heaven to gather us into his blessed kingdom: O grant that we may patiently bear all evils and all troubles; and, as Christ once for all poured forth the blood of the new and eternal covenant, and gave us a symbol of it in the Holy Supper, may we, confiding in so sacred a seal, never doubt that he will be always propitious to us, and render manifest to us the fruit of his reconciliation when, after having supported us for a season under the burden of those miseries by which we are now oppressed, you gather us into that blessed and perfect glory, which has been procured for us by the blood of Christ our Lord, and which is daily set before us in the gospel, and laid up for us in heaven, until we shall come to enjoy it through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Lecture 154 (Zechariah 9.13 - 17)

Grant, Almighty God, as we cannot look for temporal or eternal happiness, except through Christ alone, and as you set him forth to us as the only true fountain of all blessings: O grant that, being content with the favour offered to

us through him, we may learn to renounce the whole world, and so strive against all unbelief; that we may not doubt that you will ever be our kind and gracious Father, and fully supply whatever is necessary for our support; and, at the same time, may we live soberly and temperately that we may not be under the power of earthly things but, with our hearts raised above, may we aspire after that heavenly bliss to which you invite us, and to which you also guide us by earthly helps that, being really united to our head, we may reach at length that glory which has been procured for us by his blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 155 (Zechariah 10.1 - 5)

Grant, Almighty God, since constant fightings await us here and our infirmities are so great that, without your power supporting us, we cannot but fall every moment: O grant that we may learn to rest on that help which you have promised and offered to us, and continue daily to offer through the gospel in your only-begotten Son; may we distrust our own strength; indeed, may we be overwhelmed with despair as to ourselves, not so that we may despond but that we may look upward and seek the aid of your Spirit that we may not doubt that we shall be equal to our enemies, and even be victorious over them until, having at length finished our warfare, we shall reach that blessed rest which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 156 (Zechariah 10.6 - 12)

Grant, Almighty God, as we are constrained continually to groan under the burden of our sins and the captivity in which we are held justly exposes us to continual trembling and sorrow: O grant that the deliverance, already begun, may inspire us with the hope to expect more from you than what we can see with our eyes; and may we continually call on you until you complete what you have begun; put to flight both Satan and our sins that, being in true and full liberty devoted to you, we may be partakers of that power which has already appeared in our head until, having at length passed through all our contests, we may reach that blessed rest where we shall enjoy the fruit of our victory in Christ our Lord. Amen

#### Lecture 157 (Zechariah 11.1 - 7)

Grant, Almighty God, in kindness you have shown yourself to be our Shepherd and even our Father, and have carefully provided for our safety: O grant that we may not by our ingratitude deprive ourselves of your favours and provoke your vengeance but, on the contrary, may we suffer ourselves to be gently ruled by you and render you due obedience; and, as your only-begotten Son has been by you set over us as our only true Shepherd, may we hear his voice and willingly obey him, that we may be able to triumph with your prophet and know that your staff is sufficient for us to enable us to walk without fear through the valley of the shadow of death until, at length, we shall reach that blessed and eternal rest which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 158 (Zechariah 11.8 - 13)

Grant, Almighty God, as you do not cease, though provoked by our many sins, to discharge the office of a good and most faithful shepherd, and as you continue in various ways to testify that Christ watches over us as one who has undertaken the care of our safety: O grant that we may be touched with the feeling of true repentance and so profit under your scourges, that by considering your judgments we may be really humbled under your mighty hand and so submit to you that, finding us teachable and obedient, you may continue to rule us to the end until, after having been protected from all harms by the pastoral staff of your only-begotten Son, we shall reach that blessed rest which has been procured for us by his blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 159 (Zechariah 11.14 - 17)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have hitherto so patiently endured not only our sloth and folly but also our ingratitude and perverseness: O grant that we may hereafter render ourselves submissive and obedient to you; and, as you have been pleased to set over us the best of shepherds, even your only-begotten Son, cause us willingly to attend to him and to allow ourselves to be gently

ruled by him; and though you may find in us what may justly provoke your wrath, yet restrain extreme severity, and so correct what is sinful in us; and continue as our Shepherd until, at length, under your guidance, we shall reach your heavenly kingdom; and thus keep us in your fold and under the guidance of your pastoral staff that, being separated from the goats, we may enjoy that blessed inheritance which has been obtained for us by the blood of your beloved Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 160 (Zechariah 12.1 - 6)

Grant, Almighty God, inasmuch as the condition of all those who fight under the banner of the cross of Christ seems today hard and even miserable: O grant that, relying on your promises by which you encourage us, we may continually persevere and not hesitate to remain in your fold, though wolves lie in wait for us on every side, and also robbers and thieves furiously assail us, that we may ever remain under the protection of your hand, and never envy the children of this world on account of their pleasures, ease and worldly advantages, but patiently bear to be agitated by constant fear that, with quiet minds, we may wait until you show to us when we come to die that our salvation is safe and secure in your hand; and, having thus at length passed through all troubles, may we come to that blessed rest which your only-begotten Son has procured for us by his own blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 161 (Zechariah 12.7 - 10)

Grant, Almighty God, as we are surrounded with enemies and are without any defence that our safety seems to be in danger every moment: O grant that we may raise up our hearts to you and, being satisfied with your protection alone, we may despise whatever we may be threatened with by Satan and the whole world; and thus continue impregnable while carrying on our warfare that we may, at length, reach that happy rest where we shall enjoy, not only those good things which you have promised to us on earth, but also that glorious and triumphant victory which we shall partake of together with our head, even Christ Jesus, because he has overcome the world for us in order that he might

gather us to himself and make us partakers of his victory and of all his blessings. Amen.

#### Lecture 162 (Zechariah 12.10 - 13.1)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have been pleased to adopt us as your people and, from being your enemies, profane and reprobate, to make us the children of Abraham that we might be to you a holy heritage: O grant that, through the whole course of our life, we may so repent as to attain your mercy which is set before us daily in your gospel, and of which you have given us a sure pledge in the death of your only Son, that we may become more and more humble before you, and labour to form our life according to the rule of righteousness, and so loathe ourselves that, at the same time, we may be allured by the sweetness of your goodness to call upon you and, being thus united to you, that we may be confirmed in the faith until we shall reach that blessed rest which has been procured for us by the blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Lecture 163 (Zechariah 13.2 - 5)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have been pleased to draw us at this time, by the light of your gospel, out of that horrible darkness in which we have been miserably immersed, and to render your face so conspicuous to us in the person of your only-begotten Son that nothing but our ingratitude prevents us from being transformed into your celestial glory: O grant that we may make such advances in the light of truth that every one of us may be ashamed of his former ignorance, and that we may freely and ingenuously confess that we were lost sheep until we were brought back by your hand into the way of salvation; and may we thus proceed in the course of our holy vocation until, at length, we shall be all gathered into heaven, where not only that truth shall give us light which now rules us according to the capacity of our flesh, but where the splendour of your glory also shall shine on us and shall render us conformable to your image, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 164 (Zechariah 13.6 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, since you see we are full of so many sinful desires which defile whatever purity you have conferred on us by your Spirit: O grant that we may profit daily under your scourges, and so submit ourselves to be ruled by you that we may become resigned and obedient, even when you deal with us with unusual severity; and may we ever taste the sweetness of your goodness in your greatest rigour and know thereby that you provide for our safety; and lead us toward that perfect purity from which we are, as yet, far distant, that we may be obedient to you in this world and become, hereafter, partakers of that victory which Christ has procured for us, and enjoy with him his triumph in your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

#### Lecture 165 (Zechariah 14.1 - 7)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have deigned to separate us to be your peculiar treasure and lead us daily under your banner, and since you invite us with kindness and gentleness by the voice of your gospel: O grant that we may not reject so great a kindness, nor render ourselves unworthy of our holy calling; and, whatever evils must be borne by us, may we sustain them with resigned minds until, having finished the contests by which you now exercise and prove our faith, we shall be received into that blessed rest which is laid up for us in heaven, and has been purchased for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 166 (Zechariah 14.6 -10)

Grant, Almighty God, as you gather us that we may be to you a peculiar people, and as you have separated us from profane men that your legitimate worship may prevail among us: O grant that we may all attend to your word, and surrender ourselves wholly to you, and never turn aside either to the right hand or to the left, but continue to observe the rule which you have prescribed, that we may know by the continual flowing of your favour that you rule in the midst of us; and may we, by this enjoyment, be stimulated more and more to love, worship, and fear you that, consecrating ourselves truly and from the heart to you, body and soul, we may make continual advances in the



true faith until having put off all the filth of our flesh we shall come to that blessed inheritance which has been purchased for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son Amen.

#### Lecture 167 (Zechariah 14.11 - 16)

Grant, Almighty God, since at this time you see your Church is miserably torn by many discords, and that there are so many traitorous ministers of Satan who do not cease to disturb it: O grant that we may find by experience what you have promised by your prophet Zechariah, namely that you will be the perpetual guardian of those whom you have been pleased to choose as your own and whom you have received into your own embrace, that they may courageously proceed amidst all discord and come forth at length as conquerors; and may it please you also to put forth your hand and execute that vengeance which you have denounced by the same prophet so as to destroy and reduce to nothing not only those who openly oppose you, your servants and children, but also those serpents, who by intrigue and fraud, and by other base means, harass and torment your Church, until we shall attain a full victory and triumph in your celestial kingdom, together with our head, even Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### Lecture 168 (Zechariah 14.17 - 21)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have deigned to choose us as your peculiar treasure and to consecrate us to yourself in the person of your only-begotten Son: O grant that we may so follow holiness through the whole course of our life that your glory may shine forth in all our works; and may we never undertake anything except that your name may be more and more glorified; and may we be holy, both in body and soul, and free from all the pollutions of the flesh and of the world, that we may be thus confirmed in the hope of our calling and be encouraged to proceed during the remainder of our course until, at length, we shall reach that glory which has been procured for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

## **Malachi**

### Lecture 169 (Malachi 1.1 - 5)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have not only designed to give us a life in common in this world but have also separated us from other heathen nations, and illuminated us by the Sun of Righteousness, your only-begotten Son, in order to lead us into the inheritance of eternal salvation: O grant that, having been rescued from the darkness of death, we may ever attend to that celestial light by which you guide and invite us to yourself; and may we so walk as the children of light as never to wander from the course of our holy calling, but to advance in it continually, until we shall, at length, reach the goal which you have set before us that, having put off all the filth of the flesh, we may be transformed into that ineffable glory of which we have now the image in your only-begotten, Son. Amen.

### Lecture 170 (Malachi 1.5)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have been pleased to adopt us as your people that we may be ingrafted into the body of your Son and made conformable to our Head: O grant that through our whole life we may strive to seal in our hearts the faith of our election, that we may be the more stimulated to render you true obedience, and that your glory may also be made known through us; and those whom you have chosen together with us, may we labour to bring together, that we may unanimously celebrate you as the Author of our salvation, and ascribe to you the glory of your goodness that, having cast away and renounced all confidence in our own virtue, we may be led to Christ only as the fountain of your election, in whom also is set before us the certainty of our salvation through your gospel, until we shall at length be gathered into that eternal glory which He has procured for us by his own blood. Amen.

### Lecture 171 (Malachi 1.6 - 10)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have been pleased in your infinite mercy not only to choose from among us some to be priests to you, but also to consecrate us all to yourself in your only-begotten Son: O grant that at this time we may

serve you in purity and sincerity, and so strive to devote ourselves wholly to you that we may be pure and chaste in mind, soul and body, and that your glory may so shine forth in all our actions that our worship of you may be holy and pure, and approved by you, until we shall enjoy that glory to which you invite us by your gospel, and which has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son Amen.

#### Lecture 172 (Malachi 1.11 - 14)

Grant, Almighty God, since you do not keep us under the shadows of the law, by which you did train the race of Abraham, but invite us to a service far more excellent, even to consecrate ourselves, body and soul, as victims to you, and to offer not only ourselves but also sacrifices of praise and of prayer, as you have consecrated all the duties of religion which you require from us through Christ your Son: O grant that we may seek true purity and labour to render, by a real sincerity of heart, our services approved by you, and thus reverently profess and call upon your name that that which you have declared by your prophet may be really fulfilled in us so that your name shall be magnified and celebrated through the whole world, as it was truly made known to us in the person of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 173 (Malachi 2.1 - 5)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have been pleased to choose us at this time to be your priests, and have consecrated us to yourself by the blood of your only-begotten Son and through the grace of your Spirit: O grant that we may rightly and sincerely perform our duties to you, and be so devoted to you that your name may be really glorified in us; and may we be more and more confirmed in the hope of those promises by which you not only guide us through the course of this earthly life, but also invite us to your celestial inheritance; and may Christ, your Son, so rule in us that we may ever cleave to our Head, and be gathered as his members into a participation of that eternal glory into which he has gone before us. Amen.

#### Lecture 174 (Malachi 2.6 - 9)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have deigned to take us as a priesthood to yourself, and have chosen us when we were not only of the lowest condition but even profane and alien to all holiness, and have consecrated us to yourself by your Holy Spirit that we may offer ourselves as holy victims to you: O grant, that we may bear in mind our office and our calling, and sincerely devote ourselves to your service, and so present to you our efforts and our labours that your name may be truly glorified in us; and that it may really appear that we have been in grafted into the body of your only-begotten Son; and, as he is the chief and the only true and perpetual priest, may we become partakers of that priesthood with which you have been pleased to honour him that he may take us as associates to himself; and may your name thus be perpetually glorified by the whole body as well as by the Head. Amen.

#### Lecture 175 (Malachi 2.10 - 12)

Grant, Almighty God, as we are so inclined to all kinds of wickedness, that we may learn to confine ourselves within the limits of your word, and thus restrain all the desires of our flesh; and, whenever Satan may contrive to draw us here and there, may we continually proceed in obedience to your word, and being mindful of that eternal election by which you have been pleased gratuitously to adopt us, and also of that calling by which your eternal election has been confirmed, and by which you have received us in your only-begotten Son, may we go on in our course to the end, and so cleave, by persevering faith, to Christ your Son, that we may at length be gathered into the enjoyment of that eternal kingdom which he has purchased for us by his blood. Amen.

#### Lecture 176 (Malachi 2.13 - 16)

Grant, Almighty God, though in various ways daily we violate the covenant which you have been pleased to make with us in your only-begotten Son, that we may not yet be dealt with according to what our defection, even the many defections by which we daily provoke your wrath against us, do fully deserve; but suffer and bear with us kindly and, at the same time, strengthen us that

we may persevere in the truth and perform to the end the pledge we have given to you and which you require from us in our baptism, and that each of us may so conduct ourselves toward our brethren, and husbands toward their wives, that we may cherish that unity of spirit which you have consecrated between us by the blood of your own Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 177 (Malachi 2.17 - 3.3)

Grant, Almighty God, since we are by nature prone to rash judgement, that we may learn to submit to you and quietly acquiesce in your judgements that we may patiently bear whatever chastisements you may daily allot to us, not doubt that all is done for our well-being, and never murmur against you, but give you the glory in all our adversities; and may we labour to mortify our flesh that, by denying ourselves, we may ever allow you to be the only true God, a just avenger, and our Father, and that, thus renouncing ourselves, we may yet never depart from the purity of your word, and be thus retained under your yoke, until we shall at length attain that liberty which has been procured for us by your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 178 (Malachi 3.4 - 8)

Grant, Almighty God, since you have been pleased to choose us as priests for yourself, not that we may offer beasts to you but consecrate to you ourselves and all that we have: O grant that we may with readiness strive to depart from every kind of uncleanness, and to purify ourselves from all defilements, that we may duly perform the sacred office of priesthood, and thus conduct ourselves toward you with chasteness and purity; may we also abstain from every evil work, from all fraud and all cruelty toward our brethren, and so to deal with one another as to prove through our whole life that you are really our Father, ruling us by your Spirit, and that true and holy brotherhood exists between us; and may we live justly toward one another so as to render to each his own right, and thus show that we are members of your only-begotten Son, so as to be owned by him when he shall appear for the redemption of his people, and shall gather us into his celestial kingdom. Amen.

#### Lecture 179 (Malachi 3.9 - 15)

Grant, Almighty God, that since we continue to afford many and various reasons to induce you to withdraw your blessing and to show yourself displeased with us: O grant that we may patiently bear your scourges, by which you chastise us, and also profit under them, and so contend with all our depraved affections and the corruptions of the flesh that we may become partakers of your paternal kindness which you offer to us, and also so taste of your goodness, which in innumerable ways is manifested toward us, that it may keep us in the pursuit of true religion; finally, may our tongues be consecrated to magnify your judgement and to celebrate your justice that, whatever happens to us, we may always serve you through our whole life as our Father, and declare also your goodness toward us, and confess that we are justly punished whenever you visit us with severity, until we shall at length reach that blessed rest which is to be the end of all our evils, and enter not only into life but also into that full glory and happiness which has been procured for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son. Amen.

#### Lecture 180 (Malachi 3.15 - 17)

Grant, Almighty God, as Satan strives to draw us away from every attention to true religion when things in the world are in a state of disorder and confusion: O grant that we may know that you care for us; and, if we do not perceive this by what we find in the world, may we rely on your word, and not doubt that you ever watch over our safety; and, being supported by this confidence, may we ever go on in the course of our calling; and, as you have deigned to make us partakers of that evidence of your favour by which we know we are reconciled to you in your only-begotten Son and made his members, may we never hesitate cheerfully to offer to you our services, however defective they may be, since you have once promised to be a propitious Father to us, not rigidly to trying what we offer to you but graciously accepting it, that we may know that not only our sins, which justly deserve condemnation, are forgiven and remitted, but that you also so bear with our infirmities and our defects in

our imperfect works that we shall at length receive the reward which you have promised, which we cannot attain through our merits but through the sanctification of your Spirit, and through the sprinkling of the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Lecture 181 (Malachi 3.18 - 4.2)

Grant, Almighty God, as you have appointed your only-begotten Son to be like a sun to us that we may not be blind so as not to see his brightness and, since he is pleased to guide us daily into the way of salvation, may we follow him; may we never be detained by any of the impediments of this world that we do not pursue that celestial life to which you invite us; and, as you have promised that he shall come and gather us into the eternal inheritance, may we not in the meantime grow wanton but, on the contrary, watch with diligence and be ever attentive in looking for him; may we not reject the favour which you have been pleased to offer us in him, and thus grow torpid in our dregs but, on the contrary, may we be stimulated to fear your name and truly to worship you, until at length we shall obtain the fruit of our faith and piety, when he shall appear again for our final redemption, even that Sun which has already appeared to us so that we might not remain involved in darkness, but hold on our way in the midst of darkness, even the way which leads us to heaven. Amen.

#### Lecture 182 (Malachi 4.3 - 6)

Grant, Almighty God, as nothing is omitted by you to help us onward in the course of our faith, and as our sloth is such that we hardly advance one step though stimulated by you: O grant that we may strive to profit more by the various helps which you have provided for us, so that the Law, the Prophets, the voice of John the Baptist, and especially the doctrine of your only-begotten Son, may more fully awaken us, that we may not only hasten to him, but also proceed constantly in our course, and persevere in it until we shall at length obtain the victory and the crown of our calling, as you have promised an

eternal inherence in heaven to all who do not faint but wait for the coming of the great Redeemer. Amen.



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