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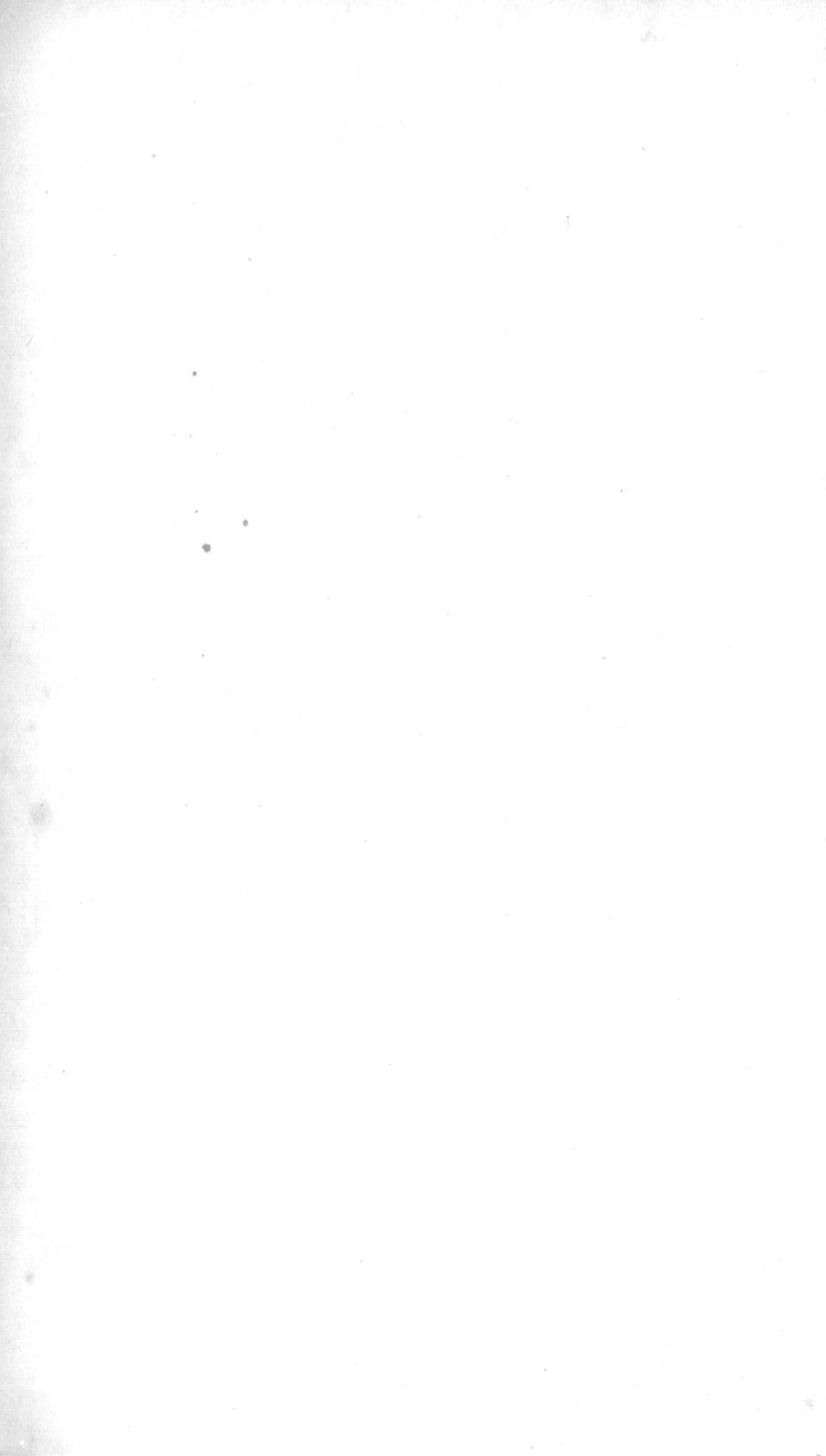
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## PREFACE

THIS collection of passages from the Bible is primarily intended for use with *The Daily Service*. At the same time, it is hoped that it may also prove useful for private devotions.

The compiler has endeavoured to collect the finest passages from all parts of the Bible. Among them will be found many from the Apocrypha, whose omission from our modern Bibles (they were in the earliest English Bibles) is a very serious loss. Ecclesiasticus and Wisdom contain some of the noblest literature of the Old Testament: and yet to the ordinary reader they are almost unknown books.\*

It is inevitable that, in such a collection, some great passages are omitted. Space is limited, and choice had to be made to suit the various subjects; for this is a book for practical use. As far as possible, the collection of passages for each day is of similar length: in actual fact, the selection for Tuesday is somewhat larger than for other days, since there are passages from the Gospels which cannot well be left out. On the other hand, many passages for Monday, Thursday 11, and Saturday are transferable, for there is no real dividing line between the doctrine, the works, and the worship, of God.

The readings are intentionally made as short as possible: short readings being essential for the special purpose. When they must be further shortened, a small space is frequently left, to indicate where the break can be conveniently made. After each section are printed a number of short texts which may suggest (when one is desired) a text for the day.

The Authorized Version has been generally followed, with a few necessary corrections from the Revised, especially in the Book of Job. For the Psalms, however, Coverdale's translation has been generally preferred, not only by reason of its associations, but also on its merits. For the Apocrypha the Revised Version has been taken, except in a very few well-known passages, where even a more accurate translation would hardly compensate for the loss of the familiar cadences.

Under the text of each passage the chapter of the book is

\* For selections from the Apocrypha see pp. 15-19, 117, 118, 121, 124, 125-6, 129-30, 131, 132-3, 137, 161-3, 185-6, 196-7, 216, 262, 263.

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given, but not the verses, since in some cases certain verses are omitted. Before the public reading of any passage it is a great help to announce the title of the book, and at times to give some account of it: but there is nothing to be gained by announcing the verse, and possibly even the chapter, where the listeners are not following the reading with the text in their hands. Chapter and verse are only devices for convenience of reference.

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# PASSAGES SUITABLE FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

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*Advent*, pp. 20, 53, 54, 229-43, 267-8.

*Christmastide*, pp. 92-6, 97-8 (John i).

*Epiphany*, p. 96.

*Ash Wednesday*, pp. 257-8, 262, 264.

*Lent*:

*Confession of sin*, pp. 215 ff. *The Friend of Sinners*, pp. 217 ff.

*Prayer*, pp. 201 ff. *Temptation*, pp. 96, 126. *Humility*, pp. 131 ff.

*Duty*, pp. 134 ff. *Generosity*, pp. 136 ff. *Self-renunciation*, pp. 75, 76.

*Self-discipline*, p. 127. *Forgiveness*, pp. 209-12, 213-14. *Worship without godliness*, pp. 252 ff., 262. *Personal religion*, pp. 254 ff.

*The Cross of Christ*, pp. 71 ff., 83 ff., 221-3. *The Cross of Christ's disciples*, pp. 223-6.

*Transfiguration*, pp. 72-3.

*Eastertide*, pp. 99-103, 108, 176.

*Ascension*, pp. 92, 99 (John xiv), 104, 150-1 (Acts i).

*Whitsuntide*, pp. 145-56, especially 151 (Acts ii).

*Trinity*, pp. 40-1 (Isa. vi).

*Saints and martyrs*:

*John the Baptist*, pp. 54, 65. *Simon and Andrew, James and John*,

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*Nathaniel*, p. 103. *Mary, the mother of Jesus*, pp. 92-3, 99. *Mary*

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## OTHER OCCASIONS

*Commemoration*, pp. 161-5, especially 162-3 (Ecclus xlv).

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*Harvest*, pp. 186, 235-6, 247 (and Psalms on pp. 189, 191).

*Missions overseas*, pp. 229 ff., especially 234-5 (John iv).

*Peace, Armistice, and Empire Day*, pp. 164, 174 (Rom. xii), 179 (Rev. vii), 229 ff.

*Hospitals*, pp. 55-7, 59-60, 73, 167-8.





MONDAY



GOD OUR FATHER



## GOD THE CREATOR

IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. Gen. i

HE that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, is his name.

Amos iv

ALL wisdom cometh from the Lord, and is with him for ever. The sand of the seas, and the drops of rain, and the days of eternity, who shall number? The height of the heaven, and the breadth of the earth, and the deep, and wisdom, who shall search them out? Wisdom hath been created before all things, and the understanding of prudence from everlasting. To whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed? And who hath known her shrewd counsels? There is one wise, greatly to be feared, the Lord sitting upon his throne: he created her, and saw, and numbered her, and poured her out upon all his works. Ecclus i (R.V.)