

A Prayer for Pilgrims

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The Pilgrim's Progress

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A Burdened Sinner



Lord, we pray for those now burdened
'Neath the weight and guilt of sin,
Those who read Your Word and tremble
As conviction grows within.

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Father, help us point to Jesus
Those who flee the coming wrath,
That they find the gate and entrance
To the cross, Salvation's path.

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The Slough of Despond

Lord, we pray for those now sinking,
Doubting in the mire of sin,
Though alone they vainly struggle,
Help can bring them out again.



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Father, send Your precious Spirit,
Lift them up on solid ground,
Point them to each Gospel promise,
That their hope may soon abound.

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Worldly Wiseman



Lord, we pray for those misguided,
Who have wandered from the path,
Led astray by Worldly Wisdom,
Now in danger of Your wrath.

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Father, help us go and point them

Once again to seek the cross.

With rebuke and firm correction,

Pull them from Destruction's loss.

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The Wicket Gate

Lord, we pray for those now knocking,
Searching for relief from sin,
May Good-Will meet them with favor
As they seek to enter in.

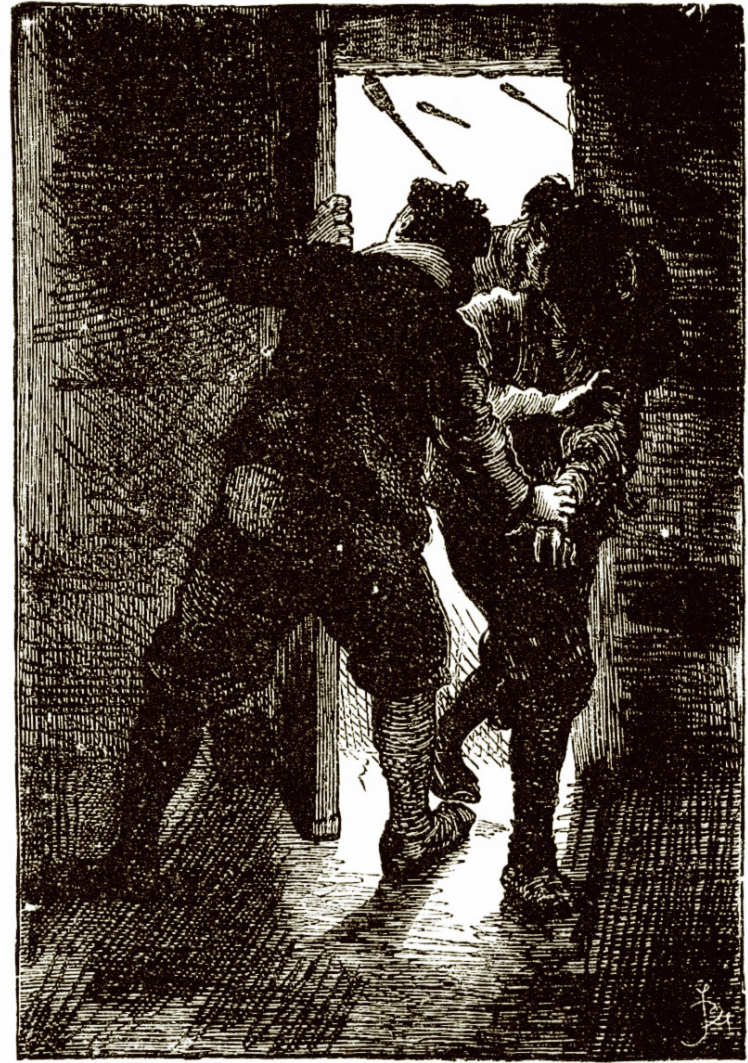
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The Wicket Gate

Father, pull them inside quickly,
Lest the Devil's arrows kill.
Fence them round with Your salvation
As they go to Calv'ry's Hill.

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The House of the Interpreter



Lord, we pray for those inquiring
At the House of Your blest Word,
Take them through each room and teach them
Then apply what they have heard.

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The House of the Interpreter

Father, send Interpretation,
By Your Spirit make them wise.
Brightly shine illumination
On the truth before their eyes.

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The Cross

Lord, we pray for those now standing

Near the cross and empty grave.

Lord, again show forth Your mercy,

Graciously reach down to save.

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The Cross



Father, loose from them their burden,
Take the guilt and curse of sin,
May it fall and roll and tumble
Never to be seen again.

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The Hill Difficulty

Lord, we pray for those now climbing
Difficulty's steep ascent.

Help them overcome each struggle,
Though their strength be nearly spent.

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The Hill Difficulty



Father, help them not to cower,
Veering to the left or right;
Strengthen them to face each trial
Pressing forward to the height.

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The Pleasant Arbor



Lord, we pray please, keep us watchful

In Your Arbor as we rest;

Lest the Roll of Your assurance

For a time fall from our breast.

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The Pleasant Arbor

Father, come and keep us wakeful,
Wipe the dulling sleep away;
Lest the night soon overtake us,
Let us journey while it's day.



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House Beautiful



Lord, please guide each wand'ring Pilgrim
Often to Your place of rest;
Bring them to Your House of Beauty,
There, their souls refresh and bless.

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Father, may they find instruction,
Pleasant discourse of Your grace.
Fit them with Your Spiritual Armor
For the battles they must face.

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Descent into the Valley



Lord, we pray for those descending
Into Valleys deep and dark;
Light their pathway, guide their footsteps,
Give them courage to embark.

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Christian Fights Apollyon

Father, as they fight the battle,
Facing Satan, fear, and sin;
Help them, Lord, to rise when fallen,
By Your grace the vict'ry win.

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Vanity Fair



Lord, we pray for those now passing

Vanity's alluring Fair.

Keep them from the world's temptations;

Sanctify them as they're there.

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Father, help them to be Faithful,
Though the world would make them bend,
Pressured hard by persecution;
Keep them safe until the end.



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Doubting Castle



Lord, we pray for those imprisoned
By Despair, who lie in grief;
Locked in Doubting Castle's dungeon,
Stripped of hope and its relief.

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Doubting Castle



Father help them to remember

In Your promise is the key;

Now unlock the door that bars them,

In the Gospel, set them free.

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The Delectable Mountains

Lord, we thank You for the Mountains
Where You bring Your flocks to feed;
Guided by Your watchful Shepherds,
We find truth for every need.



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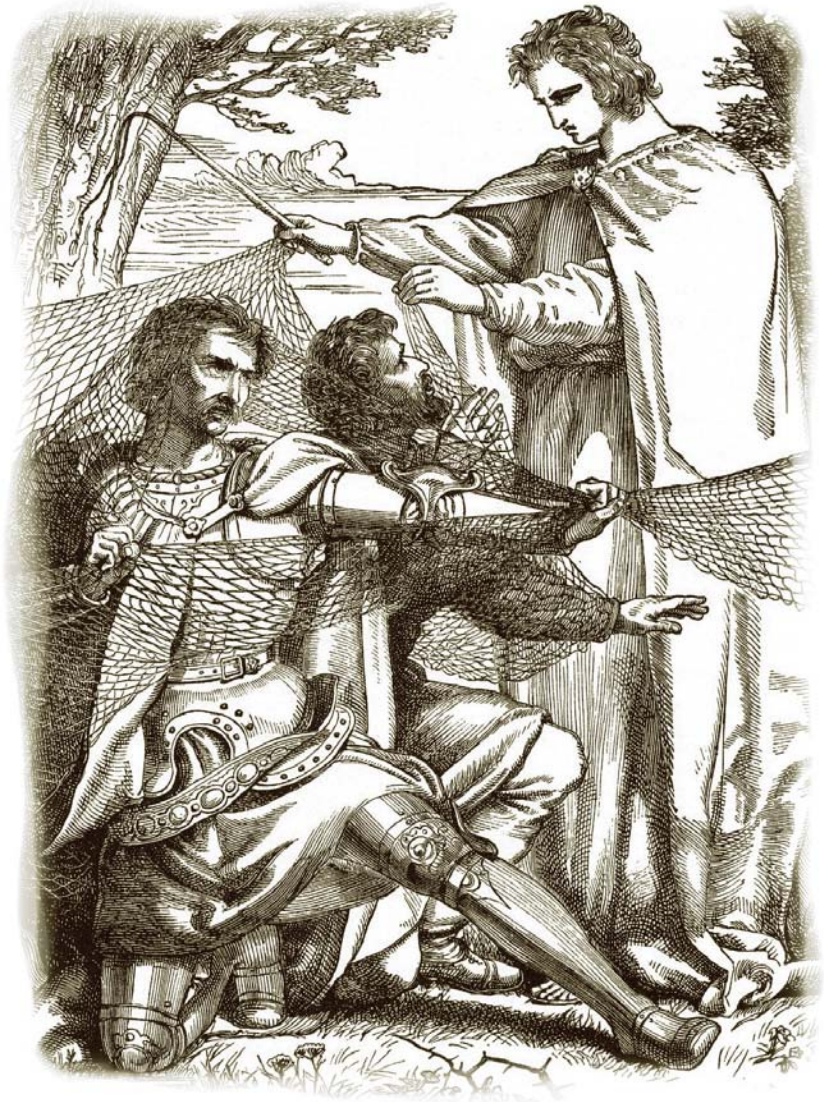
Father, give us words of Caution,
Help us see Immanuel's Land,
Keep us from the cliffs of Error,
Make us on good ground to stand.

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The Flatterer

Lord, we pray please teach Your trav'lers
Of the Flatterer to beware,
Set them free and then chastise them
If they fall into his snare.

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The Enchanted Ground

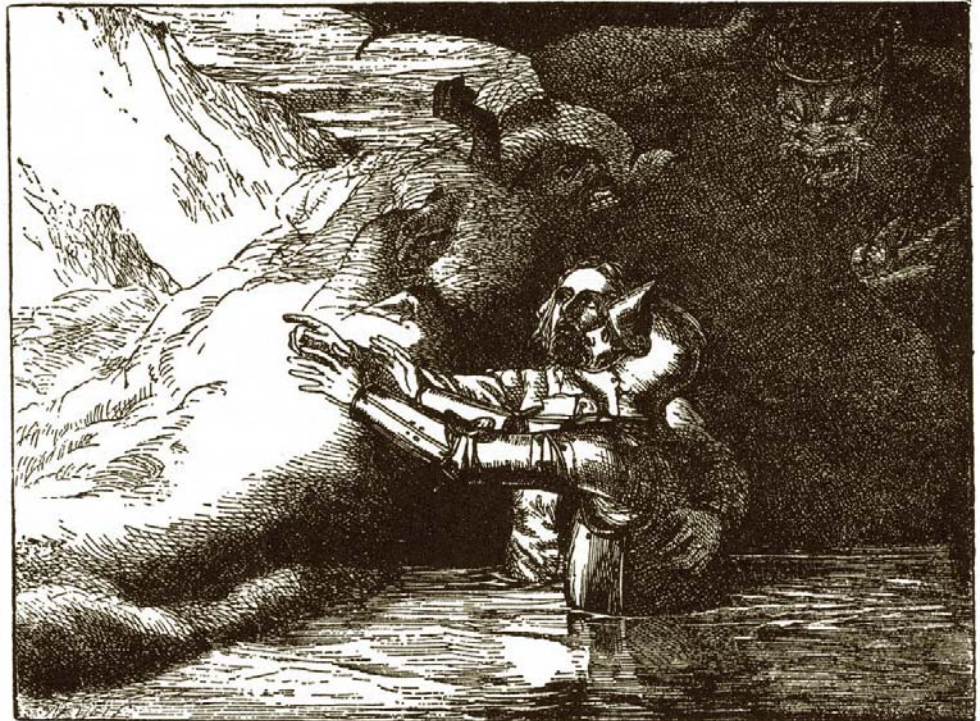


Father, help them not grow drowsy
As they cross Enchanted Ground;
Stir their souls with lively discourse
Of the precious grace they've found.

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The River

Lord, we pray for those now crossing
Through the River, death's cold tide.
Help them through its flowing current,
Bring them safe on Canaan's side.



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The Heavenly Hosts



Father, send Your hosts to greet them,
Bear them up before Your throne,
Sound the trump of celebration,
One more Pilgrim has come home.

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The Way to the Abyss



Lord, we pray for ev'ry Pilgrim,
Final entrance we'll not miss;
For beside the Gates to Heaven
Lies a way to the Abyss.

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The Celestial City

Father, fit us for Your kingdom,
From the greatest to the least,
Clothe us in Your righteous garments
For the coming wedding feast.

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