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Prayer - Son of God, this is Your day, and we would give it all,

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Son of God, this is Your day, and we would give it all, and altogether to You. On this day You rose from the grave, vanquishing death and bringing life into the world. We thank You for Your victory. We thank You for this day, which by its weekly return, keeps us ever in mind of Your completed redemption.

May You make this an uplifting day to us. Help us to keep it holy unto You. Give us restful quiet in our hearts. Prepare us in the early morning for receiving the richest things of Your love which may be offered to us during the day. May we spread wide our skirts â€" while you are raining down blessings. May the public and private reading of Your word, bring to us messages from You which shall enrich our lives. May Your word so enter into our hearts, that it shall sweeten and purify all the fountains of our life. May this Sunday's communion with You, hold us close to You all the day, so that the warmth of Your love shall infuse itself into our souls, making us more like You.

We pray for all those who shall speak today for You, whether in the great Christian congregation, or in the quiet room with only two or three to hear, or whether Your servants shall speak by the wayside to a single soul. Bless all teachers in Sunday schools, all missionaries, all those who will carry the gospel message into prisons, hospitals, and asylums. Give Your word power, and may it be like a hammer to break rocky hearts; or like the voice of gentle stillness, to carry comfort to hearts that are in sorrow.

May this be a day of very rich blessing to our home. Stay with us and keep us, and pour Your love upon us, making our lives more beautiful, and preparing us to be richer blessings to others tomorrow. We ask all in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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SUNDAY EVENING

At the close of Your holy day, our Father, we come to You with our evening worship. May our prayers rise like incense before You. We thank You for what the day has brought to us of rest, of spiritual help, of instruction in divine things. We thank You for the glimpses of truth we have had as we have read Your holy word. We thank You for all the good impulses and desires which have stirred in our hearts.

May we be made strong, to meet the struggles of life. May we have more quietness and confidence, amid the world's tumults and strifes. May the holy influences of Sunday, be in us like sweet songs, and every place we go during the coming week, may we carry the music of gladness. May the light which has shone upon us on this holy day, make our faces brighter, that we may shine as lights in the world. May the kindly feelings and yearnings which have been kindled in us by the Holy Spirit, impel us to helpful ministries as we go our way among men. So may we in all ways carry into our paths of life, a blessing which shall make the world a little brighter and put a little new joy into many hearts.

Let a blessing rest upon the preaching of Your word everywhere this day. May Your people be strengthened; may the sorrowing be comforted; may many lost ones date the beginning of their new life from this Sunday. May the world be holier, with more of the Spirit of Jesus in it, because for another day Your people have remembered You, and have called down blessings upon men. Pour out a large measure of Your love.

Forgive all our sins and failures in duty â€" and grant to us Your grace and peace as we lie down to sleep. We ask all through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.