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PRAYERS FOR PEACE.

The Archbishops and the Duty of the Church.

An appeal for prayer has been issued by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, who write:

"To issue special and distinctive Collects appropriate to the hour is unsuitable, or indeed impossible, while the situation is literally changing from day to day. Rather we would urge upon the clergy the duty and privilege of 'bidding' the people to prayer, by the use of a few words of invitation and suggestion at particular points in the conduct of Divine service, and by making a pause after or before petitions which bear upon the desire of our hearts for 'unity, peace, and concord,' both in Europe and in our own country. Such 'bidding' would be specially appropriate before the Litany, before the 'prayer for all conditions of men,' and before the prayer for the Church militant.

"Pause can suitably be made in connection with the versicle 'Give peace in our time, O Lord,' and with the suffrage in the Litany 'that it may please Thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord.' The prayer book is rich in prayers for peace, and, with a little care, people can at such a time be made to feel afresh the living significance and point of familiar words."

The Bishop of Hereford, in a notice to his clergy asks them "to do everything possible in the name of our Church to strengthen the Government in maintaining a policy of strict neutrality and labouring for peace."

The council of the Sunday School Union and the committee of the World's Sunday School Association are urging officers and teachers of all Sunday schools to join in prayer daily in school sessions and in week-night gatherings, pleading that peace may be restored.

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