



Civil War between Parliament and Charles I

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Presbyterian Parliament

Solemn League and Covenant 1643-1651

Westminster Confession 1646

Opposition of Independents

Prides Purge 1648



Oliver Cromwell

New Model Army: Independency

Radicalism and Toleration

Radicalism in New England

Savoy Declaration 1658 (Congregationalism)

The Protectorate 1653-1659

Cromwell's death 1658

The dying Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, Ireland and Scotland, “Our Chief of Men,” authored this Prayer in the midst of his sickness two or three days before he died.

Lord, though I am a miserable and wretched creature, I am in Covenant with Thee through grace. And I may, I will, come to Thee, for Thy People. Thou hast made me, though very unworthy, a mean instrument to do them some good, and Thee service. Many of them have set too high a value upon me, thought others wish and would be glad of my death.

Lord, however Thou do dispose of me, continue and go on and do good for them. Give them consistency of judgment, one heart, and mutual love, and continue to deliver them with the work of reformation, and make the name of Christ glorious in the world. Teach those who look too much on Thy instruments, to depend more on Thee. Pardon such as desire to trample in the dust of a poor worm, for they are Thy people too. And pardon the folly of this short prayer, even for Jesus Christ's sake. And give us a good night, if it be Thy will.