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SUPPLICATION DAY.

To the Members of St. Philip's Church, Buffalo:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Following the day in which a grateful country commemorates those who died that American institutions might not perish, and that freedom and civil equality might be enjoyed by all our people, I learn that many of our colored citizens propose to unite on the morrow, in supplications to the Most High, that none of their race may be excepted from these blessings and from the protection of the laws. Such an observance commands my tender sympathy and heartfelt respect. I have just returned to the city and was not able yesterday to give you the proper notice, but I now invite as many of you as can do so to meet me at St. Phillips' on the morrow, May 31, at noon. The Litany will be used and special prayers and supplications subjoined, and I will take care that they shall be repeated on Sunday next, (Pentecost) the Feast of the Holy Comforter.

Under Christ, your loving Pastor and Shepherd.

A. CLEVELAND COXE,
Bishop of Western New York.
BUFFALO, May 30, 1892.

A PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast made in one blood all nations in the family of man, and by thy providence hast determined the bounds of their habitations, we bless thy holy name that we dwell in this land and are chartered by its free laws, with protection for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Hear our supplications in behalf of any of our brethren from whom the protection of the laws is unjustly taken away; restore them to their rights and sanctify to them all their wrongs, and all the trials and troubles of this world, so that we and they may finally be partakers of the life of the world to come. Send thy Holy Ghost and move the hearts and minds of all our countrymen to save from cruel perversion and overthrow their own institutions and the good order of society, so that living here in good neighborhood and kindly fellowship, thy blessing and tender mercies may never be removed from the United States of America. All which we beg, confessing our unworthiness and imploring thy compassions and gracious interposition, through the merits of Our Divine Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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