

Brookline Mass
July 13/92

Hon. Sir:

Knowing to be
a friend of the Negro Race,
in all that pertains to its
Moral, Political and
Intellectual rights, I
have read Afro-American
and "The Negro", or "Prayer for
Southern Oppression".

I trust, for it is a help-
ful issue, and by my own
adoption as another link
in the chain of senti-
ment, I am, very truly,
Yours,
W. D. Thayer

The Afro-American Hymn,

(TUNE—"AMERICA,"

Or; Prayer from Southern Oppression.



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Great God of Bethel, we
Thus kneel to offer Thee
Our chant of praise!
All mercies past we sing,
And present sorrows bring,
And Thy sure promises
We ask—fulfill.

Thus while on bruised knee,
Stretching our hands to Thee,
O, hear us still!
O, Thou Almighty King,
Who spreads o'er all Thy wing,
Accept the song we sing,
And love us still.

Bless the sons of Allen,
Who to Thee are praying,
Where'er they dwell.
Then let us all unite,
And in our christian might
To stand in freedom's light
For God and Right.

O, let our cries arise,
And watch Thoh o'er our lives,—
Come—plead our cause.
Lord God of truth and grace,
O, Southern foes to face,
In this our up-hill race,
And never fail.

We love the sunny home,
We idolize her sons —
Now and alway.
But with nobler pride
Our thoughts to Afric's glide—
It's God, our Friend and Guide,
Now and for aye.

May Thy rich grace abound
Wherever HAM is found,
The wide world o'er.
Then let our love to Thee
With Bethel's loyalty,
Warm and continuous be,
O'er, o'er and o'er.

Brookhaven, Miss