

21st. July 1946: PRAYER AT CONSECRATION OF CEMETERY: Kitwe..N. Rhodesia

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, Who hast this day, enabled us to Consecrate this ground as a "House of Life". unto Thy children. In Thy hands, O our Father, are the issues of life and death; and daily shall we render thanks unto Thee and praise Thy holy name, for all the innumerable benefits which Thou bestowest upon us. Daily do we remember that the days of man are but a passing shadow, and as the grass that withereth. Therefore, O Lord, have we set aside this holy ground as the last resting place of the body when the soul has been called unto Thee, Who art our Father from everlasting to everlasting. As this ^{House} House of Eternity, will be the gate of Eternal life to those who are to be buried therein, even so may it become a gate of hope and consolation, of loyalty, mercy and humility to those who are still in the land of the living. We know that our life is frail, and that our days are but a handbreath. O, help us, O God of our salvation, to walk before Thee in truth and uprightness during the years of our earthly pilgrimage. And when it will please Thee to take us unto Thee, may our souls be bound up in the bond of Eternal Life with the souls of the righteous who repose forevermore under the shadow of Thy light....

Amen... Amen.