

ordain peace for us, because He is the one who ordains peace in us. He is the one who has given us the new heart, and whose Holy Spirit rules within us. Verse 13, O Lord our God, other Lords beside thee have had dominion over us. Every one of them has been in sin. Every one of us has been a child of the devil, but we have turned to God, and have been saved through Christ. Other lords beside thee have had dominion over us. But now we only want to be consecrated to God, but by thee only will we make mention of thy name. They are dead; Idols are useless, but not only that, but Satan is powerless in the end. He is in God's hands. They shall not live, they are deceased, they shall not rise. Therefore thou hast visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish. Most of us come from groups which for years worshipped false gods. The great bulk of us here come from a northern European background, and the northern European s all worshipped Thor and Oden, and Vador, and the various gods of the ~~northern parts~~, Norse ~~the~~ mythology, whom we still recall constantly with the days of our weeks, when we remember Woden, the god of the heavens on Wednesday. Woden's day. Thor the thunder god on Thursday. And Frias on Friday. And these norse gods are remembered three days out of ⁱⁿ ~~w~~ every week, ~~and~~ our calendar but it wasn't many centuries back when our ancestors worshipped them. And they were the lords who had dominion over them but today they are dead. They are ceased. There is no harm in having these heathen names in our calendar, for our week days, since nobody thinks of them today of meaning anything. They are dead. They are gone. They never had any life but people imagined they had life, and their lives were directed according to the wicked pictures, although there was some beauty along with it, of the attitude and the character of these false gods. But today they are dead. They are gone. They shall not rise. Therefore hast thou visited th em and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish. ✠ Thou hast increased the nation, O Lord, thou hast increased the nation: thou art glorified: thou hadst removed it far unto all the ends of the earth. God has increased the number of those who worship Him, ~~wh~~ those who are His followers. He has increased them and glorified them, and has called people to His very own names from the very ends of the earth. Lord, in trouble have they visited thee,