To whilk the seuen vertous vs ledys
And to the seuen medys all
That to yᵉ blyssed hedys shuld fall
Of all yis poyntes J think to say
who so will here yam all he may
The pater noster first men leres
For it is hede of all prayers
Jt is a prayer mast sufficiaunt
Till all that it will haunt
And mast seker whar so yai ga
For this lyfe and the tother als swa
wharfor ilk man@ that has tayn@
The trouth of baptym@ at the fount stane
That prayer shuld lere & tent
Trugh haly kyrkes commandment
And yai that will not lere ne knaw
That prayer despyses goddys law
Thar-for the maner is this to luke
when fyrst a chyld is set to buke
The pater noster he sall furst lere
For it is mast preciouse prayer
That lesson@ god allmyghty
Taght [h]is discipyls specialy
Thar-for it may be right called
Goddys prayer as we it halde
whar-for yai yat vndyrstand will
This lesson@ as thai shuld trugh skyll
Thay shuld be-come both mek & mylde
And as deboner as a chylde
Swylk er the verray scoleres right
Of one wyse maister gode of myght
That of his wysdome oft yam lee lerys
And thechys yam as his awn scolers
Bot we may fynd many a man@
That ye naked letter anely can@
Of yis prayer that gode wroght
Bot the vndirstandyng can@ yai not
Thar-for think yam it sauorles
For yerin fele yai no swetnes
Full lytyll deuocion hafe yai
In that prayer when yai it say
Bot who so vndirstandys it wele
A sweter prayer yai it fele
This prayer shuld be praysed ay
By-for all the prayers y' we say
For it is preuilaged as we see
By the reson@ of thinges thre
Ane is dignite yat highe is
Another thing is shortnese
The third thing is grett profet
That on many wyse commys on@ it
Fyrst yis prayer may be called
A prayer of dignite as J hald
For crist it made furst to say
And taght is discipyls swa to pray
A prayer of shortnes we it call
For in short wordys cryst mad it all
A prayer of profyt it is right
For trught it we aske of god of myght
All that is nedefull for this lyf here
And for the tother tht is mare clere
This prayer is short in word wroght
It is in sentence lang in togth
It is lyght to say prayande
It is suttell to vndirstande
Short in word is this prayer~
For men it shuld lyghtlyer lere
And thurgh shortnese of it be kynde
Haf it the th tytter in yer mynde
Jn sentence is large to se
For the more deuocion yerin shulde be
For the naked letter that is not heuy
Men shuld say by mouth anely
And all the grett sentence of it
vnderstand and in hert knytt
Jt is alswa lyght to say
For men shuld trught it ofter pray
Suttell to vnderstand is it
<fol. 5v>For men shulde mare sett yer wytt
On the sentence of it namely
Trugh grett besynes and study
<lat><4 words></lat>
This bede puttes all ill away
And all that gode is wynnes vs ay
Jt festyns in vs all good to last
And makys our hert to god stedefast
Jn this prayer er askynges seuene
whilk yai er J shall yam neuene
Of whilk sewyn J fynd trugh skyll
Thre that duse a-way all ill
J fynd alswa thre other~ askynges
That all that goode is to vs brynges
Pit is thar ane as J can tell
That festyns our hert in all god to dwell
Swa that ilkan@ of yai askynges ser~
has sere officces <exp>l</exp> as 3e shall her~
<lat></lat>
Frust thre duse a-way all ill
That oft falled loude or styll
For all maner of ill we call
Outher y' was is or may be-fall
For the ill that has be don@
Thus we say to for-do it son@
<lat></lat>
<fol. 6r>Jn this We aske to cleren our toght
For-gyffnes of that we haue myswoght
For ill that men may after do
thus we say as falles thar-to

In this we aske sum sleght to se
A-gayn all ill that may be
For the ill that we do ilk a day
we say thus to put it a-way

In this we aske right abstinence
Of all ill that fylles our conscience
3it er- yer other askyns thre
For all kyns gode y' may be
For all maner of good oyer bodely is
Or gastely good or endeles
For bodely good he to haue
Our sustinaunce yusgates we g craue

In this we aske strenght and myght
For to sustane our lyf now right
For gastely good her to styr vs
To lufe god yan say we thus

In this we ask both nyght and day
Stede-fast will to serve gode ay

In this the blys of hewyn we craue
And grace to be worthy it to haue
For festenyng of our hertes to stand
In gode yusgates we say prayand

In this we aske will sted-fast
with-outtyn fallyn in god to last
Swylk maner of prayer [askynes] bene
In this haly prayer sene
Bot this prayer begynnys right
With four wordes of gret myght
On whilk at the begynynge hynges
All the spede of the sewyn askynes
Trugh four wordes yat may we fele
If we vndirstand yam wele
How that we shall reule vs by skyll
To do that mast is goddes will
Thar-for furst be-houes vs nede
If we shall of our askynge spede
Þes four wordys vndirstande
And lede our lyf as yai command
Elles ne er we not worthy
To be herd of gode almyghty

<fol. 7r>Thes er yai foure wordes to here
That er the entre of yis prayer~
<lat></lat>
Þese er on ynglysch yus to neuene
Fader oures that þ ys in hewyn@
Þes foure mykyll mater byndes
As clerkes in yer bukes fyndes
The fyrst word is pater right
That is a word of grete myght
For it may make vs sone to spede
Of our askynge when@ we haue nede
As we may both see and fele
If we vndirstand that worde wele
For saynt Bernard says yt ye prayer~
That begynnys right on@ yis maner~
With this swet name to neuene
That is called fader of hewyn
Gyfe ane hop to purchas
All that we aske her of grace
Þis word fader to vndirstand
That maketh swet all ye remenand
Schewys vs that [what] we shall trowe
And what we shall do here & howe
Jt shewys vs the lenth of goddes beynge
Þat is ay withoutyn@ endyng
For god w-outyn begynnynge is
And his lastynge is endele

<fol. 7v>He is begynnynge with-outyn begynnynge
And he is ende with-outyn endyng
Yat ordaned yame that is ware
To lyf with hym for euer mare
3e shall wele vndirstand yan
That fyrst when gode shuld make man@
Jlk man to gode yan ordaned he
Bot he wyst what ilk man wald be
who wold be goode & who wold be ill
For-thy he gaff ilk man@ a fre will
For to chese or for to hold
Goode or ill whether he wold
For he destaned no man to blys
Bot anely yam ye 3t wold be his
Þhete<?> pat pater styrs vs to knawe euene
Thre things in gode fadir of hewyn@
And thre things in his sons to see
That lufe ye fader w4 hert fre
Fyrst in gode the fader is myght
And yer with wynsdome & godnes right
Jn gode the fader is all yes thre
For he is gode in trinite
Myght ys ay in hym@ anely
For he is gode fader allmyghty
Maister and lord as clerkes cane tell
Of hewyn and erth and of hele
And of all thinges maker– he is
And begynnyng of all goodenes
<fol. 8r>So may men as J vndirstande
Knawe his myght that is ay lastande
Jn gode the fader is wynsdome
yat of hym-self anely be-houes come
Trugh whilk he his men3ei ledys
And gouerne yam wysely and spedys
And namely his childer y4 he wroght
Yat luffys hym wele in hert & toght
So may men knaw wha so will
his wynsdome be kyndely skyll
Jn gode ye fader is bounte
yat is the thyrd thinge to see
For gode the fader his childer luffys
And sumtyme here he yam prufs
And when he sese y't yai do wrange
He bettes and chastys yam he mange
And if yai forsayk hym for certayn
And sythyn will turn@ to hym a-gayn
he yam resaues debonerly
And fayn is of that company
So may men knawe the goodenes
yat in gode the fadir is
þarfor shuld his childer all
As oft as yai fader call
knawe in hym yese things thre
Myght wysdom and bounte
þhat in his childer men may knawe
<fol. 86r>And puttyis yam@ a-way by-hynd his bake
And all yat may seme good and ill
To ye most good he turnes be skyll
Jn dede ye mek prayses othir ay
On yis wyse yat is to say
He worshipis othir w't good will
And dusse yam reuernce by skyll
He sereus yam@ as fals yerto
And dusse yam@ ye g[lo]de y't he may do
He puttes othir befor hym tyte
Till alkyn@ worship and profete
De third branch y't meknes rayses
ys when@ a man@ hym@-self mysprayses
Bot ye mek man@ on@ ye same wyse
As he prayses othir hymself mysprayses
To dispycy hym-self has he na drede
Jn hert in mouth and in dede
Jn hert ye mek will blethly
hald hym@-self will & vnworthy
And no3t knaw ye good yat he has done
Bot by-hynd his bak puttes it sone
On his wyckyndes he thynkes ay right
And puttes yan be-for in his sight
Jn mouthe ye mek hym@self reproues
<fol. 86v>Of all his myse yat on@ hert houses
He snybbes his werkys and his dedys
His wordes his thoghtes y\(^t\) he dredys
He wryes hym-self thurgh tong swyft
Of all his mysdedys oft in shryft
Jn dede hym mysprays will
he 3eldys yat he aghe & duse y\(^t\) ys skyll
He dusse penance for saul boyt
And puttys hys fleche ay vndir his foyt
Almus dede he duse blythly
And all ye werkys of mercy
Pe fourt branch as men@ may pruf
Js when@ a man@ will pouert luff
So dusse ye verray meke in hert
On@ four maners he lufs pouert
He lufs poere men@ company
And haldys ye maners of yam haly
He tholes for goddys luf and assays
Hungre and cold and othir myssays
Heges prays whar so he wendys
Of good men yat er god frendys
Rychesce he for-sakys right
And fleys yam with all hs myght
Rychese shuld men@ hat and fle
<fol. 87r>For thre skyls as 3e may se
For perrels yat in rychese hynges
For ye gooddes y\(^t\) of pouert sprynges
And for gode hym@-self wals pouert fele
For yes skyls shuld men@ luff it wele
\(\text{p}\)e fyft branche ys to serve blithly
As when@ a man@ ys ay redy
To serve ye nedfull as he cane
So duse ye verray meke man@
To serve and help hym@ is right leif
All yat haue nede and gret myschif
ye meke as wele will hym hast
To serve ye lest as ye mast
As gode dyde yat sympilly lete
when@ he weshe hys discipils fete
He gaf vs ensampil to knawe
To be bouxsom@ and bere vs lawe
Bot meknes ys mek man@ lerys
To boughe and serue in aght maner
Ye meke hym@ bowes to serue redily
And symply with all his body
And clenly × and wele in all thynge
And treuly w't-outen@ faillyng
And comonly with all ys his myght
<fol. 87v>And wyghtly with good [hertt] and myght light
And stalworly whar he shall to wend
And lastandly till his lyf ende
Ye meke hym lages to serue redily
As ye shipman@ yat ay is redy
When he has nede to ryne and skipe
As he war wode to gouerne ye schipp
ye meke hym lages to serue symply
As duse ye schip yat ys no3t wily
yat mekely gase with-outyn@ stryfe
Whidir ye hyrd-man@ will hym@ dryf
ye meke hym@ laghes to serue clenly
Both with hert and als w't body
For he hates here no thyng so mekyll
As to please ye werld yat ys fikyll
ye meke hym lages to serue treuly
As duse ye bouxsom lady
yat in foly will no man@ please
Bot hir lord anely for hys eese
ye meke hym@ lages to serue commonly
As dusse ye asse yat berys oft heuy
yat berys as blythly barly as whete
And as fast gas for small as for grete
And as blythly berys stanes as brede
And lede or yrne as gold rede
<fol. 88r>ye meke hym@ lages to serue wyghtly
As he yat ys light and semy
When@ bouxsomnes hym@ ledys in state
And goddys will w't his prelate
ye meke hym lages to serue stalwardly
As he yat ys strang and myghty
yat all his strenghe thurgh meknes
To goddys strenghe changes y\(^1\) mast ys
ye meke hym\(^\@\) lagues to serue lastandly
As he yat neuer mare ys wery
And no mare ys wery yan\(^\@\) ye son\(^\@\) ys
yat ye mare he ryses on\(^\@\) lenghte
Ay ye mare he gaders strenghe
ye sext branch ys yis to se
As when\(^\@\) a man\(^\@\) will losse fle
As duse ye man\(^\@\) wham\(^\@\) meknes ledys
For two thynges y\(^1\) he gretely dredys
For ye wynd of wayn\(^\@\)-glory shill
And for tempest of tonge y\(^1\) js ill
Fyrst for ye wynd of wayn\(^\@\)-glory
ye meke man\(^\@\) fleys losse sleightly
As gode dyd when\(^\@\) he ys folk had fede
And helyd ye seke fro yam\(^\@\) he flede
And tyll a Montayn\(^\@\) droghe hym nere
<fol. 88v>For yat he na losse wold here
Jn orysonne yar wold he be
To teche vs how we shuld losse fle
For tempest of tonges ye meke man\(^\@\)
Fleys also losse in yat he cane
As duse a mayden\(^\@\) in hir flourys
yat lufs a man\(^\@\) wele paramourys
hir shames as tyte as sho may wyte
yat any man\(^\@\) persayue it
So dusse ye meke man\(^\@\) when\(^\@\) he herys
yat men\(^\@\) spekys of his manerys
To pryue places yan\(^\@\) sekys he
And vntill hirnes losse for to fle
yar may he be in pees and rest
And spek with his two frendys best
With gode and w\(^1\) hym-self anely
And yan as he a sekir company
yar may drese he hym to gode right soght
And gode to hym\(^\@\) thurgh haly toght
yar fyndes he swytnes of vlace
yat god hym\(^\@\) gyfe in priue place
The seuent branche is yis to frayst
Ouere all thynges in gode to trayst
So duse ye meke whame hopp hynges
<fol. 89r>he trastys in gode thurgh two thynges
Thurgh he haly conscience to se
And thurgh he hardynes of hert so fre
he traistes thurgh he haly conscience
when he thynkes on goddys presence
Thurgh haly togght with gastely eghe
And hi ys rauyshede to hewayn so heghe
yan seys he ye werld ltyll yat tyde
vn@to ye regarde of hewayn so wyde
He seys it foule thurgh ge ayere
vn@to ye regarde of hewayn so fayre
Full vgy semys it till his sight
As to regarde of hewayn so bright
And all vwoyd semys ye world to be
As to regarde of grete plente
yat he yan@ seys in hewayn ryke
Of all kyn@ good ye hert may lyk
yan@ begynnes he ye world dispyse
For hym@ thynk it no3t bot fantyse
yan@ hates he all ye ryches
Of ye world and all ye nobylnes
For when@ he seys it all samen@
hym@ thynk it no3t bot a barne game
<fol. 89v>Or as a dreme in his slepe
yan@ forsakys he worldys worshipp
Thurgh he hardynes of hert stabyll
he trustys in gode so mercyabyll
when he dare abyde so wele
ye angers of ye world and fele
And all kyn noys thole and prufe
Or tak ye dede for goddys lufe
ye seuent branche now haue J rede
yat in ye mek mans hert er sprede
As yai sprynge both mare and lesse
Out of ye vertue of meknes
pat ledys a man@ by ye right way
To ye blyssedhede yat is to say  
Of gastly pouert yat gode pays  
And to hys mede as gode yus says  
Blyssed be ye poere in gast  
For hewyn@ ryk yairs ys mast  
here may men@ se who so tal hede  
Whar of it seruys ye gyft of drede  
Jt ys ye last yat we craue  
Bot it ys ye furst y4 we shuld haue  
yat gyft may ye seuent askynge  
Of ye pater noster vntill vs bryng  
<fol. 90r>yat may vs fra all ill defende  
ye whilk gyft ihesu crist vs sende  
<lat></lat>  
Anothir gyft 3it may we gyte  
As here <1 word> ys in yis bok sete  
yat after ye gyft of drede shuld be  
And yat ys ye gyft of pyte  
ye whilk ye sext askynge may wyn@ vs  
Jn ye pater noster so precyous  
yis gyft of pite is swylk a grace  
yat to charite it may vs chace  
And our hertes so strenghe & fest fast  
yat no fayndyng vs may done cast  
ye gyft of pete ys full myghty  
jt puttes a-way ye syn@ of invie  
Out of ye hert yar it ys in  
And setlys frenshipp in stede of y4 syn@  
<lat></lat>  
Envie in thre partys may spred  
Jn herte in mouthe and in deyd  
Jn hert it spredys thurghe thre thynges  
yat in ye invious mans hert hynges