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By the Queen,  
A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

For a P U B L I C K T H A N K S G I V I N G.

*to be observed in England.*

A N N E R.

5. Januar. 1708.



Diasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God, who Directly and Over-  
ruleth all Things by his Infinite Wisdom and Mercy, to afford Us  
his Assistance in this Just and Necessary War, wherein We are now  
Engaged with several other Princes and States of Europe against the  
French King, and hath visibly protected Us this Year from many great  
Attempts and Treacherous Designs of Our Enemies: And hath Bless-  
ed the Arms of Us and Our Allies, under the Command of John Duke  
of Marlborough, Captain General of Our Forces, with many and great  
Successes, throughout this last Campaign, which hath been extended  
to an unusual Length, and at last is happily finished by the Taking  
of the strong City and Fortrets of Lille, and the Reduction of Ghent and  
Bruges: We do therefore most Devoutly Adore the Divine Goodness:  
And duly Considering, That such Great and Publick Blessings do Call

for a Publick and Solemn Acknowledgment, have thought fit, by the Advice of Our Privy-Coun-  
cil, to Issue this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby Appointing and Commanding, That a General  
Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for these his Mercies, be Observed throughout England, Wales,  
and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, upon Thursday the Seventeenth Day of February next. And for the  
better, more devout, and orderly Solemnizing the same, We have given Directions to Our Arch-  
bishops and Bishops, to Compose a Form of Prayer suitable to these Occasions, to be Used in all  
Churches and Chapels, and other Places of Publick Worship, within their respective Dioceses,  
and to take Care for the timely Dispensing thereof. And We do likewise Direct and Command,  
That the said Publick Day of Thanksgiving be Religiously Observed by all Our Loving Sub-  
jects, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and upon Pain of Suffering such Punishment,  
as We may justly inflict on all such as shall Contemn or Neglect the Performance of so Religi-  
ous and Necessary a Duty.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Thirtieth Day of December, 1708. And in the Seventh Year  
of Our Reign.

God save the Queen.