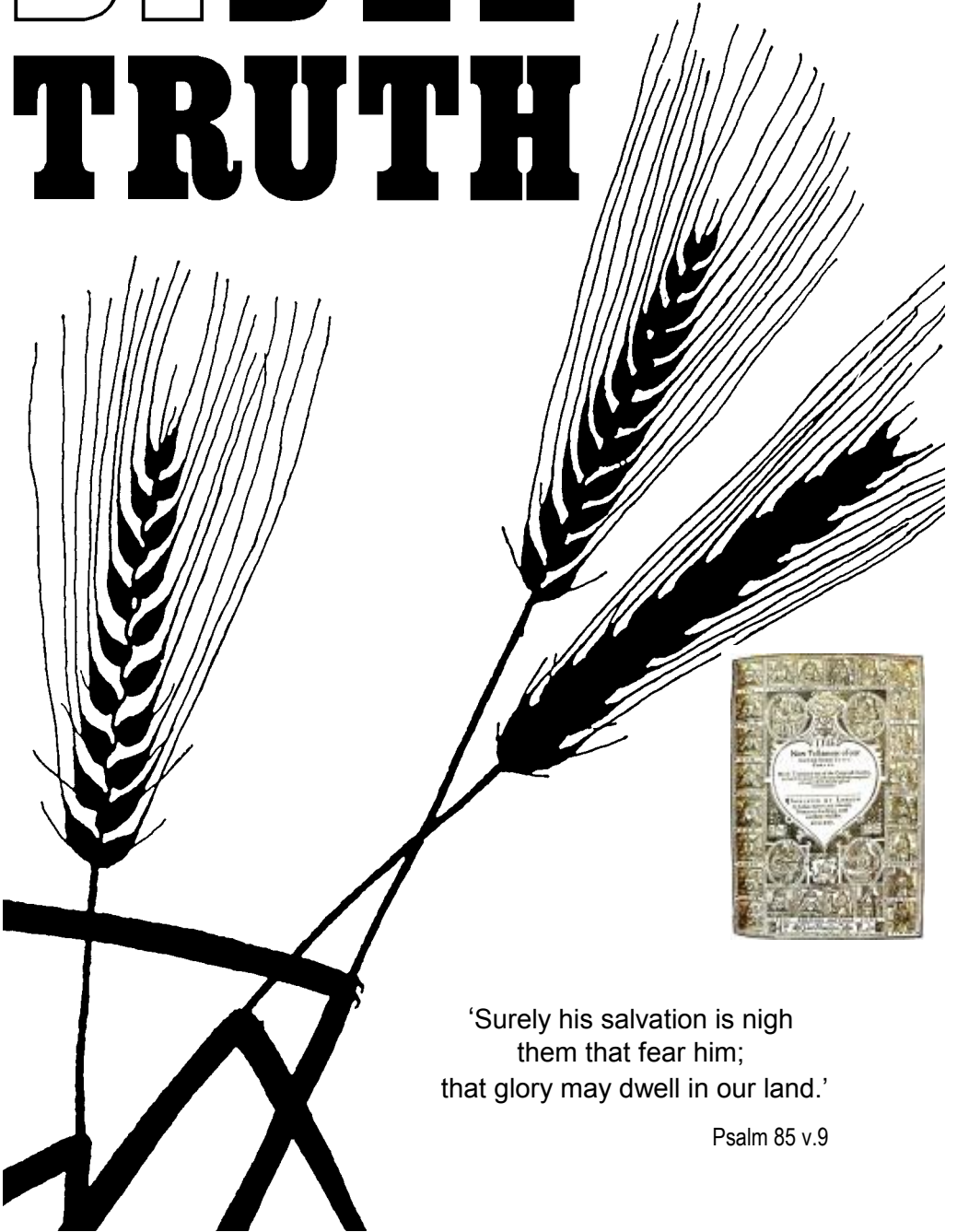


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‘Surely his salvation is nigh
them that fear him;
that glory may dwell in our land.’

Psalm 85 v.9



Sir Francis Drake's Prayer

O Lord God, when thou givest to thy
Servants to endeavour any great matter.
Grant us also to know that is not
The beginning but the continuing
Of the same until it be thoroughly
Finished which yieldeth the true glory
Through him who for the finishing
Of thy work laid down his life for us
our redeemer
Jesus **C**hrist
Amen.

Above is the official form for the National Day of Prayer used on Sunday 23 March 1941. Eric Milner-White based it upon the words of a letter written by Sir Francis Drake on 17 May 1587 to Elizabeth I's Secretary of State, Sir Francis Walsingham. It was penned from his ship *Elizabeth Bonaventure* lying at anchor at Cape Sakar after 'singeing the King of Spain's beard' at Cadiz and then the sacking of Sagress on the Portuguese coast.