

## Information sheet no 045

### Lord Nelson's prayer

On the morning of 21st October 1805, with the combined fleets of France and Spain in sight, Nelson composed the subsequent prayer:

May the great God, whom I worship, grant to my country

And for the benefit of Europe in general, a great and

Glorious victory: and may no misconduct, in any one,

Tarnish it: and may humanity after victory be the predominant

Feature in the British fleet.

For myself individually, I commit my life to Him who made me

And may His blessing light upon my endeavours for serving my

Country faithfully.

To Him I resign myself and the just cause which is entrusted to me to defend

Amen. Amen. Amen.