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METHOD
FOR
PRAYER,

WITH

Scripture Expressions

Proper to be Us'd under each HEAD.

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T O T H E

R E A D E R .

Religion is so much the Business of our Lives, and the Worship of God so much the Business of our Religion, that what hath a sincere Intention, and probable Tendency, to promote and assist the Acts of Religious Worship (I think) cannot be unacceptable to any that heartily wish well to the Interests of God's Kingdom among Men: For if we have spiritual Senses exercis'd, true Devotion, that aspiring Flame of pious Affections to God, as far as in a Judgment of Charity we discern it in *others* (tho' in different Shapes and Dresses, which may seem *uncouth* to one another) cannot but appear *beautiful and amiable*, and as far as we feel it in *our own Breasts*, cannot but be found very *pleasant and comfortable*.

Prayer is a principal Branch of Religious Worship, which we are mov'd to by the very Light of Nature, and oblig'd to by some of its fundamental

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Laws. *Pythagoras's* golden Verses begin with this Precept ; whatever Men made a God of they pray'd to, *Deliver me, for thou art my God,* Isa. 44. 17. Nay, whatever they pray'd to, they made a God of—*Deos qui rogat ille facit.* 'Tis a piece of Respect and Homage so exactly consonant to the natural Ideas which all Men have of God, that it is certain those that *live without Prayer live without God in the World.*

Prayer is the solemn and religious offering up of devout Acknowledgments and Desires to God, or a sincere Representation of holy Affections, with a Design to give unto God the Glory due unto his Name thereby, and to obtain from him promis'd Favours, and both thro' the Mediator. Our *English* Word *Prayer* is too strait, for that properly signifies *Petition*, or *Request* ; whereas humble Adorations of God, and Thanksgivings to him, are as necessary in Prayer, as any other part of it. The *Greek* Word *Προσέχῃ* from *ἔρχῃ* is a *Vow directed to God.* The *Latin* Word *Votum* is us'd for Prayer: *Jonah's* Mariners with their Sacrifices *made Vows* ; for Prayer is to *move* and *oblige* our selves, not to *move* or *oblige* God. *Clemens Alexandrinus, Strom. 7. p. 722. Edit. Colon.* calls Prayer (with an Excuse for the Boldness of the Expression) *Ἐπιπρόσθετος πρὸς τὸ Θεόν,*
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'tis *conversing with God*: And it is the Scope of a long Discourse of his there to shew that his ὁ Γνωσκὸς, *i. e.* his *Believer* (For Faith is call'd Knowledge, and *p.* 719. he makes his Companions to be οἱ ὁμοίως πεπιστώκότες, *those that have in like manner believed*) lives a Life of Communion with God, and so is praying always; that he studies by his Prayers continually to converse with God. Some (saith he) have their stated Hours of Prayer, but he ἀπὸ ὅλων ἐπιβίαι τὸ βίον, *prays all his Life long*. The Scripture describes Prayer to be our *drawing near to God, lifting up our Souls to him, pouring out our Hearts before him*.

This is the Life and Soul of Prayer; but this Soul in the present State must have a Body, and that Body must be such as becomes the Soul, and is suited and adapted to it. Some Words there must be, of the Mind at least, in which, as in the Smoke, this Incense must ascend; not that God may *understand us*, for our *Thoughts afar off* are known to him, but that we may the better *understand our selves*.

A golden Thread of Heart-Prayer must run thro' the Web of the whole Christian Life; we must be frequently addressing our selves to God in short and sudden *Ejaculations*, by which we must keep up our Communion with God in Providen-

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ces and common Actions, as well as in Ordinances and religious Services. Thus Prayer must be *sparsim* (a sprinkling of it) in every Duty, and *our Eyes* must be *ever towards the Lord*.

In *Mental* Prayer Thoughts are Words, and they are the *First-born* of the Soul, which are to be consecrated to God. But if when we pray alone we see cause for the better fixing of our Minds, and exciting of our Devotions, to clothe our Conceptions with Words; if the Conceptions be the genuine Products of the new Nature, one would think Words should not be far to seek: *Verbaque praevisam rem non invita sequuntur*. Nay if the *Groanings* be such as *cannot be utter'd*, he that *searcheth the Heart* knows them to be *the Mind of the Spirit*, and will accept of them, *Rom. 8. 26, 27.* and answer the *Voice of our Breathing*, *Lam. 3. 56.* Yet through the Infirmary of the Flesh, and the Aptness of our Hearts to wander and trifle, it is often necessary that Words should *go first*, and be kept in mind for the directing and exciting of devout Affections, and in order thereunto the Assistance here offer'd I hope will be of some use.

When we join with others in Prayer, who are our Mouth to God, our Minds must attend *them*, by an intelligent believing Concurrence with that which is
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the Sense and Scope and Substance of what they say, and Affections working in us suitable thereunto: And this the Scripture directs us to signify, by saying *Amen*, mentally if not vocally, at their giving of Thanks, 1 Cor. 14. 16. And as far as our joining with them will permit, we may intermix pious Ejaculations of our own, with their Addresses, provided they be pertinent, that not the least Fragment of Praying Time may be lost.

But he that is the Mouth of others in Prayer, whether in publick or private, and therein useth that *ελευθεριον*, that *Freedom of Speech*, that holy Liberty of Prayer which is allow'd us (and which we are sure many good Christians have found by experience to be very comfortable and advantagious in this Duty) ought not only to consult the Workings of his own Heart (tho' them principally, as putting most Life and Spirit into the Performance) but the Edification also of those that join with him; and both in Matter and Words should have an eye to that; and for Service in that case I principally design this Endeavour.

That bright Ornament of the Church, the Learned Dr. *Wilkins*, Bishop of *Chester*, hath left us an Excellent Performance much of the same nature with

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this, in his *Discourse concerning the Gift of Prayer*; which, some may think, makes this of mine unnecessary: But the multiplying of Books of Devotion is what few serious Christians will complain of: And as on the one hand I am sure those that have *this* poor Essay of mine will still find great Advantage by *that*; so on the other hand I think those who have *that* may yet find some further Assistance by this.

It is desireable that our Prayers should be *copious* and *full*: Our Burthens, Cares and Wants are many, so are our Sins and Mercies. The Promises are numerous and very rich, our God gives liberally, and hath bid us *open our Mouths wide*, and he will *fill them*, will *satisfy them with good Things*. We are not straiten'd in him, why then should we be stinted and straiten'd in our own Bosoms? Christ had taught his Disciples the Lord's Prayer, and yet tells them (*John 16. 24.*) that *hitherto they had asked nothing, i. e.* nothing in comparison with what they should ask when the *Spirit* should be *pour'd out*, to *abide with the Church for ever*; and they should *see greater things than these*. Then *ask, and ye shall receive, that your Joy may be full*. We are encourag'd to be *particular* in Prayer, and *in every thing to make our Requests known to God*, as we ought also

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to be particular in the Adoration of the Divine Perfections, in the Confession of our Sins, and our thankful Acknowledgments of God's Mercies.

But since at the same time we cannot go over the tenth part of the Particulars which are fit to be the Matter of Prayer, without making the Duty burthensome to the Flesh, which is weak, even where the Spirit is willing (an Extream which ought carefully to be avoided) and without danger of intrenching upon other religious Exercises, it will be requisite that what is but *briefly touch'd upon* at one time, should be *enlarg'd upon* at another time: And herein this Storehouse of Materials for Prayer may be of use to put us in remembrance of our several Errands at the Throne of Grace, that none may be quite forgotten.

And it is requisite to the decent Performance of the Duty, that some proper *Method* be observ'd, not only that what is said be *good*, but that it be said in its proper Place and Time; and that we offer not any thing to the Glorious Majesty of Heaven and Earth, which is confus'd, impertinent, and indigested. Care must be taken then more than ever, that we be not *rash with our Mouth, nor hasty to utter any thing before God*; that we say not what comes uppermost, nor use such Repetitions as evidence not the

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Fervency, but the Barrenness and Slightness of our Spirits; but that the Matters we are dealing with God about being of such vast importance, we observe a Decorum in our Words, that they be well chosen, well weighed, and well plac'd.

And as it is good to be *methodical* in Prayer, so it is to be *sententious*: The Lord's Prayer is remarkably so; and *David's* Psalms, and many of *St. Paul's* Prayers which we have in his Epistles: We must consider that the greatest part of those that join with us in Prayer will be in danger of losing or mistaking the Sense, if the Period be long, and the Parentheses many, and in this as in other things, they that are strong ought to bear the Infirmities of the weak: *Jacob* must lead as the Children and Flocks can follow.

As to the Words and Expressions we use in Prayer, tho' I have here in my Enlargements upon the several Heads of Prayer confin'd my self almost wholly to Scripture Language, because I would give an Instance of the Sufficiency of the Scripture to furnish us for every good Work, yet I am far from thinking but that it is convenient and often necessary to use other Expressions in Prayer besides those that are purely Scriptural; only I would advise that the *Sacred* Dialect be most us'd, and made fami-

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familiar to us and others in our dealing about *Sacred Things*; that Language Christian People are most accustom'd to, most affected with, and will most readily agree to; and where the Scriptures are open'd and explain'd to the People in the Ministry of the Word, Scripture Language will be most intelligible, and the Sense of it best apprehended. This is *sound Speech that cannot be condemn'd*. And those that are able to do it may do well to enlarge by way of Descant or Paraphrase upon the Scriptures they make use of; still speaking according to that Rule, and comparing spiritual things with spiritual, that they may illustrate each other.

And it is not to be reckon'd a perverting of Scripture, but is agreeable to the Usage of many Divines, especially the Fathers, and I think is warranted by divers Quotations in the New Testament out of the Old, to *allude* to a Scripture Phrase, and to make use of it by way of Accommodation to another Sense than what was the first Intendment of it, provided it agree with the Analogy of Faith. As for instance, those Words, *Psal. 87. 7. All my Springs are in thee*, may very fitly be applied to God, tho' there it appears by the Feminine Article in the Original, to be meant of *Sion*: Nor has it ever been thought
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any Wrong to the Scripture Phrase to pray for the Blessings of *the upper Springs and the nether Springs*, tho' the Expression from whence it is borrow'd, *Judg. i. 15.* hath no reference at all to what we mean; but by common Use every one knows the Signification, and many are pleas'd with the Significancy of it.

Divers Heads of Prayer may no doubt be added to those which I have here put together, and many Scripture Expressions too, under each Head (for I have only set down such as first occur'd to my Thoughts) and many other Expressions too, not in Scripture Words, which may be very comprehensive and emphatical, and apt to excite Devotion. And perhaps those who covet earnestly this excellent Gift, and covet to excel in it, may find it of use to them to have such a Book as this interleav'd, in which to insert such other Heads and Expressions as they think will be most agreeable to them, and are wanting here. And though I have here recommended a good Method for Prayer, and that which has been generally approv'd, yet I am far from thinking we should always tie our selves to it; that may be vary'd as well as the Expression: Thanksgiving may very aptly be put sometimes before Confession or Petition, or our Intercessions for others

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others before our Petitions for our selves, as in the Lord's Prayer. Sometimes one of these Parts of Prayer may be enlarg'd upon much more than another; or they may be decently interwoven in some other Method: *Ars est celare artem.*

There are those (I doubt not) who at some times have their Hearts so wonderfully elevated and enlarg'd in Prayer, above themselves; at other times such a Fixedness and Fulness of Thought, such a Fervor of pious and devout Affections, the Product of which is such a Fluency and Variety of pertinent and moving Expressions, and in such a just and natural Method, that then to have an eye to such a Scheme as this would be a Hindrance to them, and would be in danger to cramp and straiten them: If the *Heart* be full of its *good matter*, it may make *the Tongue* as *the Pen* of a *ready Writer*. But this is a Case that rarely happens, and ordinarily there is need of proposing to our selves a certain Method to go by in Prayer, that the Service may be perform'd decently and in order; in which yet one would avoid that which looks too formal. A Man may write straight without having his Paper rul'd.

Some few Forms of Prayer I have added in the last Chapter, for the use of those who need such Helps, and that
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know not how to do as well or better without them ; and therefore I have calculated them for Families. If any think them too long, let them observe that they are divided into many Paragraphs, and those mostly independent, so that when Brevity is necessary some Paragraphs may be omitted.

But after all, the Intention and close Application of the Mind, the lively Exercises of Faith and Love, and the Outgoings of holy Desire towards God, are so essentially necessary to Prayer, that without these in Sincerity, the best and most proper Language is but a lifeless Image. If we had the Tongue of Men and Angels, and have not the Heart of humble serious Christians in Prayer, we are but as a sounding Brass and a tinkling Cymbal. 'Tis only the *effectual fervent Prayer*, the *δέησις ἐν εὐχαρίστῳ*, the *in-wrought, in-laid Prayer* that *avails much*. Thus therefore we ought to approve our selves to God in the Integrity of our Hearts, whether we pray by, or without a precomposed Form.

When I had finished the Third Volume of Expositions of the Bible, which is now in the Press ; before I proceed, as I intend, in an humble Dependance on the Divine Providence and Grace, to the Fourth Volume, I was willing to take a little Time from that Work to this
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poor Performance, in hopes it might be of some service to the Generation of them that seek God, that seek the Face of the God of *Jacob*: And if any good Christians receive Assistance from it in their Devotions, I hope they will not deny me one Request, which is, that they will pray for me, that I may obtain Mercy of the Lord to be found among the faithful Watchmen on *Jerusalem's* Walls, who never hold their Peace day or night, but give themselves to the Word and Prayer, that at length I may finish my Course with Joy.

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With Scripture Expressions proper
to be us'd under each Head.

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*Of the first Part of Prayer, which is Ad-
dress to God, Adoration of him, with
suitable Acknowledgments, Professions,
and Preparatory Requests.*

OUR Spirits being compos'd into
a very reverent serious Frame,
our Thoughts gather'd in, and
all that is within us charg'd in
the Name of the Great God carefully to
attend the solemn and awful Service that
lies before us, and to keep close to it, we
must with a fixed Intention and Application
of Mind, and an active lively Faith, set the
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Lord before us, see his Eye upon us, and set our selves in his special Presence, *presenting our selves to him, as living Sacrifices, which we desire may be holy and acceptable, and a reasonable Service; and then bind these Sacrifices with Cords to the Horns of the Altar, in such Thoughts as these:*

Rom. 12. 1. *Let us now lift up our Hearts with our Eyes and our Hands unto God in the Heavens.*

Lam. 3. 41. *Let us stir up our selves to take hold on God, to seek his Face, and to give him the Glory due unto his Name.*

John 17. 1. *Unto thee, O Lord, do we lift up our Souls.*

Isa. 64. 7. *Let us now, with humble Boldness, enter into the Holiest by the Blood of Jesus, in the new and living Way, which he hath consecrated for us through the Vail.*

Psal. 27. 8. *Let us now attend upon the Lord without Distraction, and let not our Hearts be far from him when we draw nigh to him with our Mouths, and honour him with our Lips.*

—29. 2. *Let us now worship God who is a Spirit, in the Spirit and in Truth; for such the Father seeks to worship him.*

Joh. 4. 23, 24. *Having thus engaged our Hearts to approach unto God,*

1. We must solemnly address our selves to that infinitely Great and Glorious Being with whom we have to do, as those that are possess'd with a full Belief of his Presence, and a holy Awe and Reverence of his Majesty, which we may do in such Expressions as these.

Jer. 30. 21. *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, which art and wast, and art to come.*

Rev. 4. 5. *O thou whose Name alone is Jehovah, and who art the most High over all the Earth.*

O God, thou art our God, early will we seek thee; Our God, and we will praise thee, our Fathers God, and we will exalt thee: Psal. 63. 1. Exod. 15. 2.

O thou who art the true God, the living God, the one only living and true God, and the everlasting King. The Lord our God who is one Lord. Jer. 10. 10. Deut. 6. 4.

And we may thus distinguish our selves from the Worshipers of false Gods.

The Idols of the Heathen are Silver and Gold, they are Vanity and a Lie, the Work of Mens Hands; they that make them are like unto them, and so is every one that trusteth in them. But the Portion of Jacob is not like them, for he is the Former of all things, and Israel is the Rod of his Inheritance, the Lord of Hosts is his Name; God over all, Blessed for evermore. Psal. 115. 4. Jer. 10. 15, 16. Rom. 9. 5.

Their Rock is not as our Rock, even the Enemies themselves being Judges, for he is the Rock of Ages, the Lord Jehovah, with whom is everlasting Strength. Whose Name shall endure for ever, and his Memorial unto all Generations, when the Gods that have not made the Heavens and the Earth, shall perish from off the Earth, and from under those Heavens. Deut. 32. 31. Isa. 26. 4. Psal. 135. 13. Jer. 10. 11.

2. We must reverently adore God as a Being transcendently Bright and Blessed, self-existent and self-sufficient, an Infinite and Eternal Spirit, that has all Perfections in himself, and give him the Glory of his Titles and Attributes.

O Lord our God, thou art very great, thou art clothed with Honour and Majesty, thou coverest thy self with Light as with a Garment, and yet as to us makest Darkness thy Pavilion, for we cannot order our Speech by reason of Darkness. Pf. 104. i, 7. Ps. 18. 11. Job 37. 19.

Adoration of God,

John 1. 5.

This is the Message which we have heard of thee, and we set to our Seal that it is true, That God is Light, and in him is no Darkness at all: And that God is Love, and they that dwell in Love, dwell in God, and God in them.

Jan. 1. 17.

Thou art the Father of Lights, with whom is no Variableness or Shadow of turning, and from whom proceedeth every good and perfect Gift.

1 Tim. 6. 15,

Thou art the Blessed and only Potentate; the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, who only hast Immortality, dwelling in the Light which no Man can approach unto, whom no Man hath seen nor can see.

We must acknowledge his Being to be unquestionable, and past dispute.

Psal. 19. 1.

The Heavens declare thy Glory, O God, and the Firmament sheweth thy handy Work, and by

Rom. 1. 20.

the things that are made is clearly seen and understood thine Eternal Power and Godhead. So

Psal. 14. 1.

that they are Fools without Excuse, who say there

Psal. 58. 11.

is no God; for verily there is a Reward for the Righteous, verily there is a God that judgeth in the Earth, and in Heaven too.

Heb. 11. 6.

We therefore come to thee, believing that thou art, and that thou art the powerful and bountiful Rewarder of them that diligently seek thee.

Yet we must own his Nature to be incomprehensible.

Job 11. 7.

We cannot by searching find out God, we cannot find out the Almighty unto perfection.

Pf. 145. 3.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his Greatness is unsearchable.

Pf. 106. 2.

Who can utter the mighty Acts of the Lord, who can shew forth all his Praise?

And

—And his Perfections to be matchless and without compare.

Who is a God like unto thee, glorious in Holiness, fearful in Praises, doing Wonders? Exod. 15. 11.

Who in the Heaven can be compared unto the Lord? who among the Sons of the mighty can be likened unto the Lord? O Lord God of Hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee, or to thy Faithfulness round about thee? Pl. 89. 6, 8.

Among the Gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord, neither are there any Works like unto thy Works: For thou art great, and dost wondrous things; thou art God alone. Pl. 85. 8, 10.

There is not any Creature that has an Arm like God, or can thunder with a Voice like him. Job 40. 9.

And that he is infinitely above us and all other Beings.

Thou art God and not Man; hast not Eyes of Flesh, nor seest thou as Man seeth: Thy Days are not as the Days of Man, nor thy Years as Man's Days. Job 10. 4, 5.

As Heaven is high above the Earth, so are thy Thoughts above our Thoughts, and thy Ways above our Ways. Isa. 55. 9.

All Nations before thee are as a Drop of the Bucket, or the small Dust of the Balance, and thou takest up the Isles as a very little thing: They are as nothing, and are counted to thee less than nothing, and Vanity. Isa. 40. 15, 17.

Particularly in our Adorations we must acknowledge, (1.) That he is an Eternal Immutable God, without Beginning of Days, or End of Life, or Change of Time.

Thou art the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible. 1 Tim. 1. 17.

Psal. 90. 2. Before the Mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the Earth and the World,
 Heb. 13. 8. from everlasting to everlasting thou art God; the same yesterday, to day, and for ever.

Psal. 102. 25, 26, 27. Of old hast thou laid the Foundation of the Earth, and the Heavens are the Works of thy Hands: They shall perish, but thou shalt endure; yea all of them shall wax old like a Garment, as a Vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed; but thou art the same, and thy Years shall have no End.

Mal. 3. 6. Thou art God, and changeest not; therefore is it that we are not consumed.

Hab. 1. 12. Art thou not from everlasting, O Lord our God, our Holy One? The everlasting God, even the Lord, the Creator of the Ends of the Earth, who faintest not, neither art weary; there is no searching out of thine Understanding.

(2.) That he is present in all Places, and there is no Place in which he is included, or out of which he is excluded.

Jer. 23. 23, 24. Thou art a God at hand, and a God afar off; None can hide himself in secret Places that thou canst not see him, for thou fillest Heaven and Earth.

Acts 17. 27. Thou art not far from every one of us.

Psal. 139. 7, 8, 9, 10. We cannot go any whither from thy Presence, or flee from thy Spirit: If we ascend into Heaven, thou art there; if we make our Bed in Hell, in the Depths of the Earth, behold thou art there; if we take the Wings of the Morning, and dwell in the uttermost Parts of the Sea, even there shall thy Hand lead us, and thy Right Hand shall hold us, that we cannot out-run thee.

(3.) That he hath a perfect Knowledge of all Persons and Things, and sees them all,
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even that which is most secret, at one clear, certain, and unerring View.

All things are naked and open before the Eyes Heb. 4. 12, of him with whom we have to do; even the ^{13.} *Thoughts and Intents of the Heart.*

Thine Eyes are in every Place beholding the Prov. 15. 3. *Evil and the Good; they run to and fro through* 2 Chr. 16. 9. *the Earth, that thou mayest shew thy self strong on the behalf of those whose Hearts are upright with thee.*

Thou searchest the Heart, and triest the Reins, Jer. 17. 10. *that thou mayest give to every Man according to his Ways, and according to the fruit of his Doings.*

O God, thou hast searched us and known us, Psal. 139. 1, *thou knowest our down-sitting and our up-rising,* 2, 3, 4, 6, 12. *and understandest our Thoughts afar off: Thou compassest our Path and our lying down, and art acquainted with all our Ways: There is not a Word in our Tongue, but lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. Such Knowledge is too wonderful for us, it is high, we cannot attain unto it.*

Darkness and Light are both alike to thee.

(4.) That his Wisdom is unsearchable, and the Counsels and Designs of it cannot be fathom'd.

Thine Understanding, O Lord, is infinite, Pl. 147. 4, 5. *for thou tellest the number of the Stars, and callest them all by their Names.*

Thou art wonderful in Counsel, and excel- Isa. 28. 29. *lent in working. Wise in Heart, and mighty in* Job 9. 4. *Strength.*

O Lord, how manifold are thy Works, in Psal. 104. 24. *Wisdom hast thou made them all; all according to the Counsel of thine own Will.* Eph. 1. 11.

Rom. 11. 33. O the Depth of the Wisdom and Knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his Judgments, and his Ways past finding out.

(5.) That his Sovereignty is uncontestable, and he is the Owner and absolute Lord of all.

Psal. 115. 16. The Heavens, even the Heavens are thine, and

Psal. 24. 1. all the Hosts of them: The Earth is thine, and the Fulness thereof, the World and they that dwell

Psal. 95. 3, 4, therein. In thy hand are the deep Places of the Earth, and the Strength of the Hills is thine also:

The Sea is thine, for thou madest it, and thy

—50. 10. Hands formed the dry Land: All the Beasts of the Forest are thine, and the Cattle upon a thousand Hills: Thou art therefore a great God, and a great King above all Gods.

Job 12. 10. In thy Hand is the Soul of every living thing, and the Breath of all Mankind.

Dan. 2. 34, 35. Thy Dominion is an everlasting Dominion, and thy Kingdom is from Generation to Generation: Thou dost according to thy Will in the Armies of Heaven, and among the Inhabitants of the Earth, and none can stay thy Hand, or say unto thee, what dost thou, or why dost thou so?

(6.) That his Power is irresistible, and the Operations of it cannot be control'd.

Job 42. 2. We know, O God, that thou canst do every thing, and that no Thought can be withholden

Psal. 62. 11. from thee: Power belongs to thee; And with thee nothing is impossible.

Luke 1. 37. Mat. 28. 18. All Power is thine both in Heaven and in Earth.

Deut. 32. 39. Thou killest, and thou makest live, thou woundest and thou healest; neither is there any that can deliver out of thy Hand.

Rom. 4. 21. What thou hast promised thou art able also to perform.

(7.) That he is a God of unspotted Purity and perfect Rectitude.

Thou art Holy, O thou that inhabitest the Prai- Psal. 22. 3.
ses of Israel: Holy and reverend is thy Name; —111. 9.
and we give Thanks at the remembrance of thy —30. 4.
Holiness.

Thou art of purer Eyes than to behold Iniquity, Hab. 1. 13.
neither shall Evil dwell with thee. Psal. 5. 4.

Thou art the Rock, thy Work is perfect, all
thy Ways are Truth and Judgment; a God of Deut. 32. 4
Truth, and in whom there is no Iniquity. Thou
art our Rock, and there is no Unrighteousness in Psal. 92. 15.
thee.

Thou art Holy in all thy Works, and Holi- Psal. 145. 17.
ness becomes thy House, O Lord, for ever. —93. 5.

(8.) That he is Just in the Administration of his Government, and never did, nor ever will do Wrong to any of his Creatures.

Righteous art thou, O God, when we plead Jer. 12. 1.
with thee, and wilt be justified when thou speak- Psal. 51. 4.
est, and clear when thou judgest.

Far be it from God that he should do Wicked- Job 34. 10, 11.
ness, and from the Almighty that he should com-
mit Iniquity; for the Work of a Man shall he
render unto him.

Thy Righteousness is as the great Mountains, Psal. 36. 6.
ever then when thy Judgments are a great
Deep: And tho' Clouds and Darkness are round —97. 2.
about thee, yet Judgment and Justice are the
Habitation of thy Throne.

(9.) That his Truth is inviolable, and the Treasures of his Goodness inexhaustible.

Thou art Good, and thy Mercy endures for Psal. 136. 1.
ever. Thy Loving-kindness is great towards us, —100. 5.
and thy Truth endureth to all Generations. —117. 2.

Thou hast proclaimed thy Name: The Lord, Exod. 34. 6, 7.
the Lord God, merciful and gracious, slow to
Anger,

Anger, abundant in Goodness and Truth, keeping Mercy for thousands, forgiving Iniquity, Transgression and Sin. And this Name of thine is our strong Tower.

Prov. 18. 10. *Thou art good and dost good ; good to all, and thy tender Mercy is over all thy Works. But truly God is in a special manner good to Israel, even to them that are of a clean Heart.*

—145. 9. *O that thou wouldst cause thy Goodness to pass before us ; that we may taste and see that the Lord is good ; and his loving Kindness may be always before our Eyes.*

Exod. 33. 19. *Lastly, That when we have said all we can of the Glorious Perfections of the Divine Nature, we fall infinitely short of the Merit of the Subject.*

Job 26. 14. *Lo these are but Parts of thy Ways, and how little a Portion is heard of God ! But the Thunder of his Power who can understand ?*

Job 37. 23. *Touching the Almighty we cannot find him out, he is excellent in Power and in Judgment, and in plenty of Justice ; and he is exalted far above all Blessing and Praise.*

Neh. 9. 5. *3. We must give to God the Praise of that Splendor and Glory wherein he is pleased to manifest himself in the upper World.*

Psal. 103. 19. *Thou hast prepared thy Throne in the Heavens, and it is a Throne of Glory, high and lifted up, and before thee the Seraphims cover their Faces. And it is in compassion to us that thou holdest back the Face of that Throne, and spreadest a Cloud upon it.*

Job 26. 9. *Thou makest thine Angels Spirits, and thy Ministers a Flame of Fire. Thousand thousands of them minister unto thee, and ten thousand times ten thousand stand before thee, to do thy*

Psal. 103. 20, 21. *Pleasure ; They excel in Strength, and hearken to the*

the Voice of thy Word. And we are come by Faith and Hope and holy Love into a spiritual Communion with that innumerable Company of Angels, and the Spirits of just Men made perfect, even to the General Assembly and Church of the First-born, in the Heavenly Jerusalem. Heb. 12. 22, 23.

4. We must give Glory to him as the Creator of the World, and the great Protector, Benefactor and Ruler of the whole Creation.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive Blessing, and Honour, and Glory, and Power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy Pleasure, and for thy Praise they are and were created. Rev. 4. 11.

We worship him that made the Heaven and the Earth, the Sea and the Fountains of Waters; who spake and it was done, who commanded and it stood fast; who said, Let there be Light, and there was Light; Let there be a Firmament, and he made the Firmament; and he made all very good; and they continue this Day according to his Ordinance; for all are his Servants. Rev. 14. 7. Psal. 33. 9. Gen. 1. 3, 6, 7. Psal. 119. 91.

The Day is thine, the Night also is thine; thou hast prepared the Light and the Sun: Thou hast set all the Borders of the Earth, thou hast made Summer and Winter. Pl. 74. 16, 17.

Thou upholdest all things by the Word of thy Power, and by thee all things consist. Heb. 1. 3. Col. 1. 17.

The Earth is full of thy Riches; so is the great and wide Sea also. The Eyes of all wait upon thee, and thou givest them their Meat in due Season: Thou openest thy Hand, and satisfiest the Desire of every living thing. Thou preservest Man and Beast, and givest Food to all Flesh. Psal. 104. 24, 25. ---145. 15, 16. Psal. 36. 6. ---136. 25.

Thou, even thou art Lord alone; thou hast made Heaven, the Heaven of Heavens with all their Host, the Earth and all things that are there- Nehem. 9. 6.

Adoration of God,

Psal. 103: 19. *Therein, the Seas and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all: And the Host of Heaven worshipeth thee, whose Kingdom ruleth over all.*

Mat. 10: 29. *A Sparrow falls not to the Ground without thee.*

Gen. 2: 7. *Thou madest Man at first of the Dust of the Ground, and breathedst into him the Breath of Life, and so he became a living Soul.*

Acts 17: 26. *And thou hast made of that one Blood, all Nations of Men, to dwell on all the Face of the Earth, and hast determin'd the Times before appointed, and the Bounds of their Habitation.*

Dan. 4: 25. *Thou art the most High, who rulest in the Kingdom of Men, and givest it to whomsoever thou wilt; for from thee every Man's Judgment proceeds.*

Rev. 19: 6. *Hallelujah, the Lord God Omnipotent reigns,*
Eph. 1: 11, 12. *and doth all according to the Counsel of his own Will, to the praise of his own Glory.*

5. We must give Honour to the Three Persons in the Godhead distinctly, to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that Great and Sacred Name into which we were baptiz'd, and in which we assemble for Religious Worship, in Communion with the universal Church.

1 John 5: 7. *We pay our Homage to the Three that bear Record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; for these Three are One.*

Mat. 11: 25. *We adore thee, O Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth; and the Eternal Word, who was*
John 1: 1, 2, *in the Beginning with God, and was God, by*
3: 14. *whom all things were made, and without whom was not any thing made that was made, and who in the Fulness of Time was made Flesh, and dwelt among us, and shewed his Glory, the Glory*

as of the only begotten of the Father, full of Grace and Truth.

And since it is the Will of God, that all Men John 5. 23. should honour the Son as they honour the Father, we adore him as the Brightness of his Father's Heb. 1. 3, 6. Glory, and the express Image of his Person; here- in joining with the Angels of God, who were all bid to worship him.

We pay our Homage to the exalted Re- deemer, who is the Faithful Witness, the first Rev. 1. 5. begotten from the Dead, and the Prince of the Kings of the Earth, confessing that Jesus Christ is Phil. 2. 11. Lord, to the Glory of God the Father.

We also worship the Holy Ghost the Comforter, whom the Son hath sent from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth who proceedeth from the Father, and who is sent to teach us all things, and to bring all things to our remembrance; who in- dited the Scriptures, Holy Men of God writ- ting them as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. — 14. 26. 2 Pet. 1. 21.

6. We must acknowledge our Dependance upon God, and our Obligations to him, as our Creator, Preserver and Benefactor.

Thou, O God, madest us, and not we our- selves, and therefore we are not our own, but thine, thy People and the Sheep of thy Pasture; Let us therefore worship, and fall down and kneel before the Lord our Maker. Psal. 100. 3. Psal. 95. 6.

Thou, Lord, art the Former of our Bodies, and they art fearfully and wonderfully made, and curiously wrought. Thine Eye did see our Sub- stance yet being imperfect, and in thy Book all our Members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. Psal. 139. 14, 15, 16.

- Job 10. 11, 12. *Thou hast clothed us with Skin and Flesh, thou hast fenced us with Bones and Sinews; Thou hast granted us Life and Favour, and thy Visitation preserves our Spirits.*
- Heb. 12. 9. *Thou art the Father of our Spirits; for thou*
 Zech. 12. 1. *formest the Spirit of Man with him, and madest*
 Jer. 38. 16. *us these Souls. The Spirit of God hath made us,*
 Job 33. 4. *and the Breath of the Almighty hath given us Life.*
 — 38. 36. *Thou puttest Wisdom in the inward part, and*
 Job 35. 10, *Thou art God our Maker, who teachest us*
 11. *more than the Beasts of the Earth, and makest us*
wiser than the Fowls of Heaven.
- Isa. 64. 8. *We are the Clay, and thou our Potter, we are*
the Work of thy Hand.
- Pf. 22. 9, 10. *Thou art he that tookest us out of the Womb,*
 — 71. 6. *and kep'st us in Safety when we were at our Mo-*
ther's Breasts; We have been cast upon thee from
the Womb, and holden up by thee, thou art our
God from our Mother's Bowels, and therefore our
Praise shall be continually of thee.
- Act 17. 28. *In thee, O God, we live and move, and have*
our Being; for we are thine Offspring.
- Dan. 5. 23. *In thy Hand our Breath is, and thine are all*
 Jer. 10. 23. *our Ways; for the Way of Man is not in himself,*
 Psal. 31. 15. *neither is it in Man that walketh to direct his*
 Gen. 48. 15. *Steps; but our Times are in thy Hand.*
- Gen. 48. 15. *Thou art the God that hast fed us all our Life*
long unto this Day, and redeem'd us from all
Evil.
- Lam. 3. 22, *It is of thy Mercies that we are not consum'd,*
 23. *even because thy Compassions fail not, they are new*
every Morning, great is thy Faithfulness.
- Pfal. 104. 29. *If thou take away our Breath we die, and re-*
turn to the Dust out of which we were taken.
- Lam. 3. 37, 38. *Who is he that saith and it cometh to pass, if*
thou commandest it not? Out of thy Mouth,

O most High, both Evil and good proceed.

7. We must avouch this God to be Our God, and own our Relation to him, his Dominion over us, and Propriety in us.

Our Souls have said unto the Lord, Thou art Psal. 16. 2. our Lord, tho' our Goodness extendeth not unto thee, neither if we are Righteous art thou the Job 35. 7. better.

Thou art our King, O God: Other Lords besides thee have had Dominion over us, but from henceforth by thee only will we make mention of thy Name. Isa. 26. 13.

We avouch the Lord this Day to be our God, to Deut. 26. 17, walk in his Ways, and to keep his Statutes, and 18, 19. his Commandments, and his Judgments, and to hearken to his Voice, and give our selves unto him to be his peculiar People as he hath promis'd, that we may be a holy People unto the Lord our God; and may be unto him for a Name, and for a Jer. 13. 11. Praise, and for a Glory.

O Lord, truly we are thy Servants, we are thy Psal. 116. 16. Servants born in thy House, and thou hast loosed our Bonds; we are bought with a Price, and 1 Cor. 6. 19. therefore we are not our own; but yield our selves 2 Chr. 30. 8. unto the Lord, and join our selves to him in an Jer. 50. 5. everlasting Covenant that shall never be forgotten.

We are thine, save us; for we seek thy Pre-Pl. 119. 94. cepts: 'Tis thine own, Lord, that we give thee, 1 Chr. 29. 16. and that which cometh of thine Hand.

8. We must acknowledge it an unspeakable Favour, and an inestimable Privilege, that we are not only admitted, but invited and encourag'd to draw nigh to God in Prayer.

Thou hast commanded us to pray always, Eph. 6. 18. with all Prayer and Supplication, with Thanksgiving, and to watch thereunto with all Perseverance

- Col. 4. 2. *rance and Supplication for all Saints; to continue*
 Phil. 4. 6. *in Prayer; and in every thing with Prayer and*
Supplication to make our Requests known to God.
- Mat. 7. 7. *Thou hast directed us to ask and seek and*
knock, and hast promised that we shall receive,
we shall find, and it shall be open'd to us.
- Heb. 4. 16. *Thou hast appointed us a Great High Priest,*
in whose Name we may come boldly to the
Throne of Grace, that we may find Mercy and
Grace to help in time of need.
- Prov. 15. 8. *Thou hast assured us that while the Sacri-*
fice of the Wicked is an Abomination to the Lord,
the Prayer of the Upright is his Delight; and
 Psal. 50. 23. *that he that offers Praise glorifies thee, and the*
 Psal. 69. 31. *Sacrifice of Thanksgiving shall please the Lord bet-*
ter than that of an Ox or Bullock that has Horns
and Hoofs.
- Psal. 65. 1. *Thou art he that hearest Prayer, and therefore*
unto thee shall all Flesh come.
- Psal. 27. 8. *Thou sayest, Seek ye my Face, and our*
Hearts answer, Thy Face, Lord, will we seek.
 Isa. 8. 19. *For should not a People seek unto their God?*
 John 6. 68. *Whither shall we go but to thee? Thou hast the*
Words of Eternal Life.
9. We must express the Sense we have of
 our own Meanness and Unworthiness to
 draw near to God, and speak to him.
- 2 Chr. 6. 18. *But will God in very deed dwell with Man*
upon the Earth? that God whom the Heaven of
 Job 25. 6. *Heavens cannot contain, with Man that is a*
Worm, and the Son of Man that is a Worm.
- 2 Sam. 7. 18, *Who are we, O Lord God, and what is our*
 19. *Father's House, that thou hast brought us hitherto,*
 to present our selves before the Lord; that we
 Eph. 2. 18. *have through Christ an Access by one Spirit unto*
the Father: And yet as if this had been a small
thing in thy sight, thou hast spoken concerning thy
 Ser-

Servants for a great while to come, and is this the manner of Men, O Lord God?

What is Man that thou art thus mindful of Psal. 8. 4.
him, and the Son of Man that thou visitest him?
and dost thus magnify him.

O let not the Lord be angry, if we that are but Gen. 18. 27,
Dust and Ashes take upon us to speak unto the Lord 30.
of Glory.

We are not worthy of the least of all the Mer- Gen. 32. 10.
cies, and of all the Truth which thou hast shewed
unto thy Servants; nor is it meet to take the Chil- Mat. 15. 26,
drens Bread, and cast it to such as we are; yet 27.
the Dogs eat of the Crumbs which fall from their
Master's Table: And thou art rich in Mercy Rom. 10. 12.
to all that call upon thee.

10. We must humbly profess the Desire of
our Hearts towards God as our Felicity and
Portion, and the Fountain of Life and all
Good to us.

Whom have we in Heaven but thee; and there Psal. 73. 25,
is none upon Earth that we desire besides thee, or 26,
in comparison of thee: When our Flesh and our
Heart fail, be thou the Strength of our Heart, and
our Portion for ever; the Portion of our Inheri- Psal. 16. 5, 6.
tance in the other World, and of our Cup in
this, and then we will say that the Lines are
fallen to us in pleasant Places, and that we have
a goodly Heritage.

The Desire of our Souls is to thy Name, and to Isa. 26. 8, 9.
the remembrance of thee; with our Souls have we
desired thee in the Night, and with our Spirits
within us will we seek thee early.

As the Hart panteth after the Water Brooks, so Pf. 42. 1, 2, 8.
panteth our Soul after thee, O God; our Soul
thirsteth for God, for the living God; who will
command his Loving-kindness in the Day-time,

and in the Night his Song shall be with us, and our Prayer to the God of our Life.

Mat. 5. 6. O that we may come *hungring and thirsting*
 Luke 1. 53. *after Righteousness; for thou fillest the Hungry with good things, but the Rich thou sendest empty away.*

Pf. 63. 1, 2, O that our Souls may thirst for thee, and our
 3, 5. *Flesh long for thee in a dry and thirsty Land, where no Water is, that we may see thy Power and thy Glory, as we have seen thee in the Sanctuary. Thy Loving-kindness is better than Life; our Souls shall be satisfied with that as with Marrow and Fatness, and then our Mouths shall praise thee with joyful Lips.*

II. We must likewise profess our believing Hope and Confidence in God, and his All-sufficiency, in his Power, Providence, and Promise.

Pfal. 31. 1. In thee, O God, do we put our Trust, let us
 —25. 3. *never be ashamed; yea let none that wait on thee be ashamed.*

Pfal. 62 1, 2, Truly our Souls wait upon God; from him com-
 5, 6, 7. *eth our Salvation; he only is our Rock and our Salvation: In him is our Glory, our Strength, and our Refuge, and from him is our Expectation.*

Pf. 142. 4, 5. When Refuge fails us, and none cares for our
 Souls, we cry unto thee, O Lord; thou art our Refuge and our Portion in the Land of the Living.

Pfal. 20. 7. Some trust in Chariots, and some in Horses, but
 we will remember the Name of the Lord our God.

Pfal. 52. 8, 9. We will trust in thy Mercy, O God, for ever and
 ever, and will wait on thy Name, for it is good before thy Saints.

Pfal. 119. 74, We have hoped in thy Word; O remember thy
 49. *Word unto thy Servants, upon which thou hast caused us to hope.*

12. We must intreat God's favourable Acceptance of us and our poor Performances.

There be many that say, *Who will shew us any Good?* But this we say, Lord, lift up the Light of thy Countenance upon us, and that shall put Gladness into our Hearts more than they have whose Corn and Wine increaseth. Psal. 4. 6, 7.

We intreat thy Favour with our whole Hearts; for in this we labour, that whether present or absent we may be accepted of the Lord. Psal. 119. 58. 2 Cor. 5. 9.

Hear our Prayers, O Lord, give ear to our Supplications; in thy Faithfulness answer us. And be nigh unto us in all that which we call upon thee for; for thou never saidst to the Seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain. Psal. 143. 1. Deut. 4. 7. Isa. 45. 9.

Thou that hearest the young Ravens which cry, be not silent to us, lest if thou be silent to us, we be like them that go down to the Pit. Psal. 147. 9. —28. 1.

Let our Prayer be set forth before thee as Incense, and the lifting up of our Hands be acceptable in thy Sight as the Evening Sacrifice. Psal. 141. 2.

13. We must beg for the powerful Assistance and Influence of the Blessed Spirit of Grace in our Prayers.

Lord, we know not what to pray for as we ought, but let thy Spirit help our Infirmities, and make intercession in us. Rom. 8. 26.

O pour upon us the Spirit of Grace and Supplication; the Spirit of Adoption teaching us to cry, Abba Father; that we may find in our hearts to pray this Prayer: Zech. 12. 10. Rom. 8. 15. 2 Sam. 7. 27.

O send out thy Light and thy Truth, let them lead us, let them guide us to thy holy Hill, and to thy Tabernacles; to God our exceeding joy. Psal. 43. 3.

O Lord, open thou our Lips, and our Mouth shall shew forth thy Praise. Psal. 51. 15.

14. We must make the Glory of God our highest End in all our Prayers:

Lev. 10. 3. *This is that which thou, O Lord, hast said, that thou wilt be sanctified in them that come nigh unto thee, and before all the People thou wilt be glorified; we therefore worship before thee, O Lord, that we may glorify thy Name; and therefore we call upon thee, that thou mayst deliver us, and we may glorify thee.*

Psal. 50. 15.

Rom. 11. 36. *For of thee, and through thee, and to thee, are all things.*

15. We must profess our intire Reliance on the Lord Jesus Christ alone for Acceptance with God, and come in his Name.

Dan. 9. 18. *We do not present our Supplication before thee for our own Righteousness; for we are before thee in our Trespases, and cannot stand before thee because of them: But we make mention of Christ's Righteousness, even of his only, who is the Lord our Righteousness.*

Ezr. 9. 15.

Psal. 71. 16.

Jer. 23. 6.

1 Pet. 2. 5.

John 16. 23.

Eph. 1. 6.

Rev. 8. 3.

We know that even spiritual Sacrifices are acceptable to God only through Christ Jesus, nor can we hope to receive any thing but what we ask of thee in his Name, and therefore make us accepted in the Beloved; that other Angel, who puts much Incense to the Prayers of Saints, and offers them up upon the Golden Altar before the Throne.

Heb. 4. 14.

Heb. 7. 25.

Psal. 84. 9.

Mat. 3. 17.

We come in the Name of the Great High Priest, who is passed into the Heavens, Jesus the Son of God, who was touched with the feeling of our Infirmities, and is therefore able to save to the uttermost all those that come to God by him, because he ever lives making Intercession.

Behold, O God our Shield, and look upon the Face of thine Anointed, in whom thou hast by a Voice from Heaven declar'd thy self to be well pleased; Lord, be well pleased with us in him.

C H A P. II.

Of the second Part of Prayer, which is, Confession of Sin, Complaints of our selves, and humble Professions of Repentance.

HAVING given Glory to God, which is his Due, we must next take Shame to our selves, which is our Due, and humble our selves before him in the sense of our own Sinfulness and Vileness; and herein also we must give Glory to him, as our Judge, by whom we deserve to be condemn'd, and yet hope, through Christ, to be acquitted and absolv'd. *Josh. 7. 19.*

In this part of our Work,

1. We must acknowledge the great Reason we have to lie very low before God, and to be asham'd of our selves when we come into his Presence, and to be afraid of his Wrath, having made our selves both odious to his Holiness, and obnoxious to his Justice.

O our God, we are ashamed and blush to lift up our Faces before thee, our God; for our Iniquities are increased over our Head, and our Trespass is grown up unto the Heavens. *Ezr. 9. 6.*

To us belongs Shame and Confusion of Face, because we have sinned against thee. *Dan. 9. 8.*

Behold we are vile, what shall we answer thee? we will lay our Hand upon our Mouth, and put our Mouth in the Dust, if so be there may be Hope; crying with the converted Leper under the Law, Unclean, unclean. *Job 40. 4. Lam. 3. 29. Lev. 13. 45.*

- Job 15. 15, 16. *Thou puttest no trust in thy Saints, and the Heavens are not clean in thy sight: How much more abominable and filthy is Man, who drinketh Iniquity like Waters!*
- Isa. 6. 5. *When our Eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts, we have reason to cry out, Wo unto us, for we are undone.*
- Job 25. 2, 3, 4. *Dominion and Fear are with thee, thou makest Peace in thy high places: There is not any number of thine Armies, and upon whom doth not thy Light arise? How then can Man be justified with God, or how can he be clean that is born of a Woman?*
- Psal. 76. 7. *Thou, even thou art to be feared, and who may stand in thy sight, when once thou art angry?*
- Heb. 12. 29. *Even thou, our God, art a consuming Fire, and*
- Psal. 90. 11. *who knows the Power of thine Anger?*
- Job 9. 3, 20. *If we justify our selves, our own Mouths shall condemn us, if we say we are perfect, that also shall prove us perverse; for if thou contend with us, we are not able to answer thee for one of a thousand.*
- 1 Cor. 4. 4. *If we knew nothing by our selves, yet were we not thereby justified, for he that judgeth us is the*
- John 3. 20. *Lord; who is greater than our Hearts, and knows all things. But we our selves know that*
- Luke 15. 21. *we have sinned, Father, against Heaven, and before thee, and are no more worthy to be called thy Children.*
2. We must take hold of the great Encouragement God hath given us to humble our selves before him with Sorrow and Shame, and to confess our Sins.
- Psal. 130. 3, 4, 7, 8. *If thou, Lord, should'st mark Iniquities, O Lord, who should stand? But there is Forgiveness with thee that thou may'st be feared; with thee there is Mercy, yea with our God there is plun-*

plenteous Redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all his Iniquities.

Thy Sacrifices, O God, are a broken Spirit; Psal. 51. 17. a broken and a contrite Heart, O God, thou wilt not despise: Nay, tho' thou art the high and lofty Isa. 57. 15. one that inhabitest Eternity, whose Name is holy; tho' the Heaven be thy Throne, and the Earth thy Footstool, yet to this Man wilt thou look, that is poor and humble, of a broken and a contrite Spirit, and that trembleth at thy Word, to revive the Spirit of the humble, and to revive the Heart of the contrite ones. —66. 1, 2.

Thou hast graciously assur'd us, that tho' they that cover their Sins shall not prosper, yet those that confess and forsake them shall find Mercy. And when a poor Penitent said, I will confess my Transgression unto the Lord, thou gavest the Iniquity of his Sin, and for this shall every one that is godly in like manner pray unto thee, in a time when thou may'st be found. Prov. 28. 14. Psal. 32. 5, 6.

We know that if we say, we have no Sin, we deceive our selves, and the Truth is not in us; but thou hast said, that if we confess our Sins, thou art faithful and just to forgive us our Sins, and to cleanse us from all Unrighteousness. 1 John 1. 8, 9.

3. We must therefore confess and bewail our original Corruption in the first place, that we are the Children of apostate and rebellious Parents, and the Nature of Man is deprav'd, and wretchedly degenerated from its primitive Purity and Rectitude, and our Nature is so.

Lord, thou mad'st Man upright, but they have sought out many Inventions; And being in Honour did not understand, and therefore abode not, but became like the Beasts that perish. Eccl. 7. 29. Psal. 49. 12, 20.

Rom. 5. 12, 19. *By one Man sin enter'd into the World, and Death by Sin, and so Death passed upon all Men, for that all have sinned; By that one Man's Disobedience many were made Sinners, and we among the rest.*

Isa. 1. 4. *We are a Seed of Evil Doers; our Father was*
 Ezek. 16. 3. *an Amorite, and our Mother a Hittite, and we our selves were called (and not miscalled)*
 Isa. 48. 8. *Transgressors from the Womb, and thou knowest we would deal very treacherously.*

Jer. 2. 21. *The Nature of Man was planted a choice and noble Vine, wholly a right Seed, but it is*
 Deut. 32. 32. *become the degenerate Plant of a strange Vine; producing the Grapes of Sodom, and the Clusters of Gomorrah. How is the Gold become*
 Lam. 4. 1. *dim, and the most fine Gold changed!*

Psal. 51. 5. *Behold we were shapen in Iniquity, and in Sin did our Mothers conceive us. For who can bring*
 Job 14. 4. *a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one. We*
 Eph. 2. 2, 3. *are by Nature Children of Wrath, because Children of Disobedience, even as others.*

Gen. 6. 12. *All Flesh hath corrupted their Way, we are all*
 Psal. 14. 3. *gone aside, we are all together become filthy, there is none that doth good, no, no not one.*

4. We must lament our present corrupt Dispositions to that which is evil, and our Indisposedness to and Impotency in that which is good. We must look into our own Hearts, and confess with holy blushing,

(1.) The Blindness of our Understandings, and their Unaptness to admit the Rays of the Divine Light.

Eph. 4. 18. *By Nature our Understandings are darkned, being alienated from the Life of God through the Ignorance that is in us, because of the Blindness of our Hearts.*

Confession of Sin.

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The things of the Spirit of God are Foolishness, 1 Cor. 2. 14. to the natural Man, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discern'd.

We are wise to do evil, but to do good we have no knowledge. We know not, neither do we understand, we walk on in Darkness. Jer. 4. 22. Psal. 82. 5.

God speaketh once, yea twice, but we perceive it not; but hearing we hear, and do not understand, and we see Men as Trees walking. Job 33. 14. Mat. 13. 14. Mar. 8. 24.

(2.) The Stubbornness of our Wills, and their Unaptness to submit to the Rules of the Divine Law.

We have within us a carnal Mind, which is Enmity against God, and is not in subjection to the Law of God, neither indeed can be. Rom. 8. 7.

Thou hast written to us the great things of thy Law, but they have been accounted by us as a strange thing, and our corrupt Hearts have been sometimes ready to say, what is the Almighty that we should serve him? And that we would certainly do whatsoever thing goes forth out of our own Mouth. For we have walk'd in the way of our own Heart, and in the sight of our Eyes, fulfilling the Desires of the Flesh and of the Mind. Hos. 8. 12. Job 21. 15. Jer. 44. 17. Eccles. 11. 9.

Our Neck hath been an Iron Sinew, and we have made our Heart as an Adamant; we have refused to hearken, have pulled away the Shoulder, and stopped our Ears, like the deaf Adder, that will not hearken to the Voice of the Charmer, charm he never so wisely. Isa. 48. 4. Zech. 7. 11, 12. Psal. 58. 4, 5.

How have we hated Instruction, and our Heart despised Reproof, and have not obey'd the Voice of our Teachers, nor inclined our Ear to them that instructed us? Prov. 5. 12, 13.

(3.) The Vanity of our Thoughts, their Neglect of those things which they ought to be

be conversant with, and dwelling upon those things that are unworthy of them, and tend to corrupt our Minds.

Gen. 6. 5. Every Imagination of the Thought of our Heart
—8. 21. is evil, only evil, and that continually, and it has been so from our Youth.

Jer. 4. 14. O how long have those vain Thoughts lodg'd
Prov. 24. 9. within us! those Thoughts of Foolishness which are
Mat. 15. 19. Sin. From within out of the Heart proceed evil
Mic. 2. 1. Thoughts; which devise Mischief upon the Bed,
Prov. 17. 24. and carry the Heart with the Fool's Eyes into the Ends of the Earth.

Psal. 10. 4. But God is not in all our Thoughts, 'tis well
if he be in any: Of the Rock that begat us we
Deut. 32. 18. have been unmindful, and have forgotten the God
Jer. 2. 32. that formed us: We have forgotten him days
Jer. 2. 5. without number, and our Hearts have walked after Vanity, and become vain. Their inward
Thought having been that our Houses should continue for ever; this our way is our Folly.

(4.) The Carnality of our Affections, their being placed upon wrong Objects, and carried beyond due bounds.

Col. 3. 1, 2. We have set those Affections on things beneath,
which should have been set on things above,
Mat. 6. 21. where our Treasure is, and where Christ sits on the Right Hand of God, the things which we should seek.

Jon. 2. 8. We have followed after lying Vanities, and forsaken our own Mercies; have forsaken the Fountain of living Waters, for Cisterns, broken Cisterns that can hold no Water.

We have panted after the Dust of the Earth, and have been full of care what we shall eat, and what we shall drink, and wherewithal we shall be clothed, the things after which the Gentiles seek, but have neglected the King-
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Mat. 6. 32,
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dom of God and the Righteousness thereof.

We have lifted up our Souls unto Vanity, and set our Eyes upon that which is not, have look'd at the things that are seen which are temporal, but the things that are not seen, that are eternal, have been forgotten and postpon'd.

(5.) The Corruption of the whole Man ; irregular Appetites towards those things that are pleasing to Sense, and inordinate Passions against those things that are displeasing, and an Alienation of the Mind from the Principles, Powers and Pleasures of the spiritual and divine Life.

We are born of the Flesh, and we are Flesh : Dust we are : We have born the Image of the Earthly ; and in us, that is, in our Flesh, there dwells no good thing : For if to will is present to us, yet how to perform that which is good we find not ; for the Good that we would do we do it not, and the Evil which we would not do that we do.

We have a Law in our Members warring against the Law of our Mind, and bringing us into Captivity to the Law of Sin that is in our Members : So that when we would do good, Evil is present with us, and most easily besets us.

The whole Head is sick, the whole Heart faint, from the Sole of the Foot even unto the Head there is no Soundness in us, but Wounds and Bruises, and putrifying Sores.

There is in us a Bent to backslide from the living God : Our Hearts are deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked ; who can know them ? They start aside like a broken Bow.

5. We must lament and confess our Omissions of our Duty, our Neglect of it, and Triflings in it, and that we have done so little

little since we came into the World of the great Work we were sent into the World about, so very little to answer the End either of our Creation or of our Redemption, of our Birth or of our Baptism, and that we have profited no more by the Means of Grace.

- Luke 13. 6,7. We have been as *Fig-trees planted in the Vineyard, and thou hast come many Years seeking Fruit from us, but hast found none; and therefore we might justly have been cut down and cast into the Fire for cumbring the Ground:*
- Mat. 3. 10. *Thou hast come looking for Grapes, but behold wild Grapes; or we have been empty Vines, bringing forth Fruit unto our selves.*
- Isa. 5. 4. *We have known to do good, but have not done it: We have hid our Lord's Money, and therefore deserve the Doom of the wicked and slothful Servant.*
- Jam. 4. 17. *We have been unfaithful Stewards, that have wasted our Lord's Goods; for one Sinner destroys much good.*
- Mat. 25. 18, 26. *Many a Price hath been put into our Hand to get Wisdom, which we have had no heart to; or our Heart has been at our Left Hand.*
- Luke 16. 1. *Our Childhood and Youth was Vanity, and we have brought our Years to an end, as a Tale that is told.*
- Eccl. 9. 18. *We have not known, or improv'd, the Day of our Visitation, have not provided Meat in Summer, nor gather'd Food in Harvest, tho' we have had Guides, Overseers and Rulers.*
- Prov. 17. 16. *We are slow of Heart to understand and believe, and whereas for the time we might have been Teachers of others, we are yet to learn the first Principles of the Oracles of God, have need of Milk, and cannot bear strong Meat.*
- Eccl. 10. 2.
- Eccl. 11. 10.
- Pfal. 90. 9.
- Luke 19. 44.
- Prov. 6. 7, 8.
- Luke 24. 25.
- Heb. 5. 12.

We have cast off Fear, and restrained Prayer Job 15. 4. before God; have not call'd upon thy Name, nor Isa. 64. 7. stir'd up our selves to take hold on thee.

We have come before thee as thy People come, Ezek. 33. 31. and have sat before thee as thy People sit, and have heard thy Words, when our Hearts at the same time have been going after our Covetousness. And thus have we brought the Torn, and the Mal. 1. 8, 14. Lame, and the Sick for Sacrifice, have offer'd that to our God, which we would not have offer'd to our Governour; and have vow'd and sacrific'd to the Lord a corrupt thing, when we had in our Flock a Male.

6. We must likewise bewail our many actual Transgressions, in Thought, Word, and Deed.

We have sinned, Father, against Heaven and Luke 15. 18. before thee; we have all sinned, and have come Rom. 3. 23. short of the Glory of God; for the God in whose Hand our Breath is, and whose are all our Ways, Dan. 5. 23. have we not glorified.

Against thee, thee only have we sinned, and Psal. 51. 4. have done much Evil in thy sight; neither have we obey'd the Voice of the Lord our God, to walk Dan. 9. 10. in his Laws which he hath set before us; tho' they are all holy, just, and good. Rom. 7. 12.

Who can understand his Errors? Cleanse thou Psal. 19. 12. us from secret Faults.

In many things we all offend; and our Iniqui- Jam. 3. 2. ties are more than the Hairs of our Head. Psal. 40. 12.

As a Fountain casteth out her Waters, so do Jer. 6. 7. our Hearts cast out Wickedness; and this hath been our Manner from our Youth up, that we —22. 21. have not obey'd thy Voice.

Out of the evil Treasure of our Hearts we Mat. 12. 35. have brought forth many evil things,

(1.) We must confess and bewail the Workings of Pride in us.

2 Chr. 32. 26. We have all reason to be *humbled for the Pride of our Hearts*, that we have *thought of our selves above what hath been meet*, and have not *thought soberly*, nor *walk'd humbly with our God*.

Prov. 3. 5. We have *lean'd to our own Understanding*; and *trusted in our own Hearts*; and have *sacrific'd to our own Net*.
—28. 26.

Hab. 1. 16. We have *sought our own Glory more than the Glory of him that sent us*; and have been *puffed up for that for which we should have mourned*.
John 7. 18.
1 Cor. 5. 2.

(2.) The Breaking out of Passion and rash Anger.

Prov. 25. 28. We have not had the *Rule* which we ought to have had *over our own Spirits*, which have therefore been *as a City that is broken down, and has no Walls*.

Prov. 14. 17. We have been *soon angry*, and *Anger hath rested in our Bosoms*. And *when our Spirits have been provoked*, we have *spoken unadvisedly with our Lips*; and have been guilty of that *Clamor and Bitterness* which should have been *put far from us*.
Eccl. 7. 9.
Psal. 106. 33.
Eph. 4. 31.

(3.) Our Covetousness and Love of the World.

Heb. 13. 5. Our *Conversation* has not been *without Covetousness*, nor have we *learn'd in every State to be content with such things as we have*.
Phil. 4. 11.

1 Tim. 6. 10. Who can say he is *clean from that Love of Money*, which is the *Root of all Evil*, that *Covetousness which is Idolatry*.
Col. 3. 5.

Jer. 45. 5. We have *sought great things to our selves*, when thou hast said, *Seek them not*.

(4.) Our Sensuality and Flesh-pleasing.

We have minded the things of the Flesh more Rom. 8. 5. than the things of the Spirit, and have lived in Pleasure on the Earth, and been wanton, and have Jam. 5. 5. nourished our Hearts as in a Day of Slaughter.

We have made provision for the Flesh to fulfil Rom. 13. 14. the Lusts of it; even those Lusts which war 1 Pet. 2. 11. against our Souls: and in many Instances have acted as if we had been Lovers of Pleasure 2 Tim. 3. 4. more than Lovers of God.

When we did eat, and when we did drink, Zech. 7. 6. did we not eat to our selves, and drink to our selves?

(5.) Our Security and Unmindfulness of the Changes we are liable to in this World.

We have put far from us the evil Day, and Amos 6. 3. in our Prosperity have said we should never be Psal. 30. 6. moved, as if to morrow must needs be as this Isa. 56. 12. Day, and much more abundant.

We have encourag'd our Souls to take their Luke 12. 19, ease, to eat and drink and be merry, as if we^{20.} had Goods laid up for many Years, when perhaps this Night our Souls may be requir'd of us.

We have been ready to trust in uncertain 1 Tim. 6. 17. Riches more than in the Living God; to say to the Gold thou art our Hope, and to the fine Gold thou Job 31. 24. art our Confidence.

(6.) Our Fretfulness and Impatience and Murmuring under our Afflictions, our inordinate Dejection, and Distrust of God and his Providence.

When thou hast chastised us and we were Jer. 31. 18. chastis'd, we have been as a Bullock unaccustomed to the Yoke; and tho' our own Foolishness hath Prov. 19. 3. perverted our Way, yet our Heart hath fretted against the Lord; and thus in our Distress we 2 Chr. 29. 22. have trespassed yet more against the Lord.

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Prov. 3. 11. We have either despised the chastening of the Lord, or fainted when we have been rebuked of
—24. 10. him; and if we faint in the Day of Adversity, our Strength is small.

Psal. 31. 22. We have said in our haste we are cut off from before thine Eyes, and that the Lord hath forsaken us, our God hath forgotten us, as if God would be favourable no more; as if he had forgotten to
Isa. 49. 14. be gracious, and had in Anger shut up his tender
Psal. 77. 7, 8, 10. Mercies. This has been our Infirmity.

(7.) Our Uncharitableness towards our Brethren, and Unpeaceableness with our Relations, Neighbours and Friends, and perhaps Injustice towards them.

Gen. 42. 21. We have been verily guilty concerning our Brother; for we have not study'd the things that
Rom. 14. 19. make for Peace, nor things wherewith we might edify one another.

We have been ready to judge our Brother, and to set at nought our Brother, forgetting that we must all shortly stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Contrary to the Royal Law of Charity,
1 Cor. 13. 4, 5. we have vaunted our selves, and been puffed up, have behaved our selves unseemly, and sought our own, have been easily provok'd, have rejoiced
Prov. 17. 5. in Iniquity, and been secretly glad at Calamities.

Gal. 5. 26. We have been desirous of Vain-glory, provoking one another, envying one another; when
Heb. 10. 24. we should have consider'd one another to provoke to Love and to Good Works.

1 John 3. 17. The Bowels of our Compassion have been shut up from those that are in need; and we have
Isa. 58. 7. bidden our selves from our own Flesh. Nay,
Deut. 15. 9. perhaps our Eye has been evil against our poor
Jam. 2. 7. Brother, and we have despised the Poor.

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And if in any thing we have gone beyond and defrauded our Brother, if we have walked with Vanity, and our Foot hath basted to Deceit, and any Blot hath cleaved to our Hands, Lord, discover it to us, that if we have done Iniquity, we may do so no more.

(8.) Our Tongue-Sins.

In the Multitude of our Words there wanteth not Sin, nor can a Man full of Talk be justified.

While the Lips of the Righteous feed many, our Lips have pour'd out Foolishness, and spoken Frowardness.

Much corrupt Communication hath proceeded out of our Mouths; that foolish Talking and Festing which is not convenient; and little of that which is good, and to the use of edifying, and which might minister Grace unto the Hearers.

If for every idle Word that Men speak they must give an account, and by our Words we must be justified, and by our Words we must be condemn'd, woe unto us, for we are undone; for we are of unclean Lips, and dwell in the midst of a People of unclean Lips.

What would become of us, if God should make our own Tongues to fall upon us.

(9.) Our spiritual Slothfulness and Decay.

We have been slothful in the Business of Religion, and not fervent in Spirit serving the Lord.

The things which remain are ready to die, and our Works have not been found perfect before God.

We have observ'd the Winds, and therefore have not sown, have regarded the Clouds, and therefore have not reaped; and with the Sluggard have frighten'd our selves with the Fancie of a Lion in the Way, a Lion in the Streets, and have turn'd on our Bed as the Door on the

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Hinges;

Hinges ; still crying, yet a little Sleep, a little Slumber.

Rev. 2. 4. We have lost our first Love, and where is now
Gal. 4. 15. the Blessedness we sometimes spake of?

Hof. 6. 4. Our Goodness hath been as the Morning Cloud
and the early Dew which passeth away.

And that which is at the bottom of all, is
Heb. 3. 12. the evil Heart of Unbelief in us, which inclines
us to depart from the living God.

7. We must acknowledge the great Evil
that there is in Sin, in our Sin ; the Malig-
nity of its Nature, and its Mischievousness
to us.

(1.) The Sinfulness of Sin.

Rom. 17. 13. O that Sin may appear Sin to us, may ap-
pear in its own Colours, and that by the Com-
mandment we may see it to be exceeding sinful ;
1 John 3. 4. because it is the Transgression of the Law.

By every wilful Sin we have in effect said,
Luke 19. 14. We will not have this Man to reign over us ;
Exod. 5. 2. And who is the Lord, that we should obey his
Numb. 15. 30. Voice ? And thus have we reproached the Lord,
Neh. 9. 26. and cast his Law behind our Backs.

(2.) The Foolishness of Sin.

Psal. 69. 5. O God, thou knowest our Foolishness, and our
Tit. 3. 3. Sins are not hid from thee : We were foolish in
1 Tim. 6. 9. being disobedient ; and our Lusts are foolish
and hurtful.

Prov. 22. 15. Foolishness was bound up in our Hearts when
Job 11. 12. we were Children ; for tho' vain Man would be
wise, he is born like the wild Ass's Colt.

Psal. 49. 13. Our Way hath been our Folly, and in many
2 Sam. 24. 10. Instances we have done foolishly, very foolishly.

Psal. 73. 22. So foolish have we been and ignorant, and even
as Beasts before God.

(3.) The Unprofitableness of Sin.

We have sinned and perverted that which was Job. 33. 27. right, and it profited us not.

What fruit have we now in those things where- Rom. 6. 21. of we have cause to be ashamed; seeing the End of those things is Death? And what are we pro- Mat. 16. 26. fited, if we should gain the whole World, and lose our own Souls?

(4.) The Deceitfulness of Sin.

Sin hath deceived us, and by it slain us; for Rom. 7. 11. our Hearts have been harden'd through the Deceit- Heb. 3. 13. fulness of Sin; and we have been drawn away of our own Lust, and enticed. Jam. 1. 14.

It hath promis'd us Liberty, but has made us 2 Pet. 2. 19. the Servants of Corruption; hath promis'd that we shall not surely die, and that we shall be as Gods; but it has flatter'd us, and spread a Net Prov. 29. 5. for our Feet.

The Pride of our Heart particularly has de- Obad. 3. ceived us.

(5.) The Offence which by Sin we have given to the Holy God.

By breaking the Law we have dishonour'd Rom. 2. 23. God, and have provoked the Holy One of Israel Isa. 1. 4. to Anger most bitterly. And many a thing that Hof. 12. 14. we have done hath displeas'd the Lord. 2 Sam. 11. ult.

God has been broken by our Whorish Heart, and Ezek. 6. 9. our Eyes that have gone a whoring after our Idols.

We have tempted him, and proved him, and Ps. 95. 9, 10. griev'd him in the Wilderness; have rebelled and vexed his holy Spirit, and pressed him with our Isa. 63. 10. Iniquities, as a Cart is pressed that is full of Amos 2. 13. Sheaves.

We have griev'd the holy Spirit of God, by Eph. 4. 30. whom we are sealed to the Day of Redemption.

(6.) The Damage which by Sin we have done to our own Souls, and their great Interests.

Isa. 50. 1. By our Iniquities we have sold our selves, and
 Prov. 8. 36. in sinning against thee have wronged our own
 Souls.

Isa. 59. 2. Our Sins have separated between us and God,
 and have kept good things from us; and by them
 Tit. 1. 15. our Minds and Consciences have been defiled.

Jer. 2. 19. Our own Wickedness hath corrected us, and our
 Backslidings have reprov'd us, and we cannot
 but know and see, that it is an evil thing, and
 bitter, that we have forsaken the Lord our God,
 and that his Fear hath not been in us.

Prov. 14. 9. O what Fools are they that make a mock
 at Sin!

8. We must aggravate our Sins, and take
 notice of those things which make them
 more heinous in the sight of God, and more
 dangerous to our selves.

Lev. 16. 21. We bewail before thee all our Sins, and all
 our Transgressions in all our Sins.

(1.) The more Knowledge we have of
 Good and Evil, the greater is our Sin.

Luke 12. 47. We have known our Master's Will, but have
 not done it, and therefore deserve to be beaten
 with many Stripes.

Jer. 5. 4, 5. We have known the Way of the Lord, and the
 Judgments of our God, and yet have altogether
 broken the Yoke, and burst the Bonds.

Rom. 1. 32. We have known the Judgment of God, that
 they which do such things are worthy of Death,
 and yet have done them, and have had pleasure in
 them that do them.

Rom. 2. 21. We have taught others, and yet have not
 taught our selves; and while we profess to know
 Tit. 1. 16. God, we have in Works deny'd him.

(2.) The greater Profession we have made
 of Religion, the greater hath been our Sin.

We call our selves of the Holy City, and stay our selves upon the God of Israel, and make mention of his Name, but not in Truth and Righteousness. For we have dishonour'd that worthy Name by which we are call'd, and given great occasion to the Enemies of the Lord to blaspheme.

We have named the Name of Christ, and yet have not departed from Iniquity.

(3.) The more Mercies we have received from God, the greater hath been our Sin.

Thou hast nourished and brought us up as Children, but we have rebelled against thee.

We have ill requited thee, O Lord, as foolish People and unwise: Tho' thou art our Father that hast made us, and bought us, and establish'd us, yet our Spot has not been the Spot of thy Children.

We have not render'd again according to the Benefit done unto us.

(4.) The fairer Warning we have had from the Word of God, and from our own Consciences, concerning our Danger of Sin, and Danger by Sin, the greater is the Sin if we go on in it.

We have been often reprov'd, and yet have harden'd our Neck; and have gone on frowardly in the way of our Heart.

Thou hast sent to us, saying, O do not this abominable thing which I hate; but we have not hearken'd, nor inclined our Ear.

The Word of God hath been to us, Precept upon Precept, and Line upon Line; and tho' we have beheld our natural Faces in the Glass of it, yet we have gone away, and straitway forgot what manner of Men we were.

(5.) The greater Afflictions we have been under for Sin, the greater is the Sin if we go on in it.

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Jer. 5. 3. Thou hast *stricken us*, but we have not grieved, we have refused to receive Correction, and have made our Faces harder than a Rock; and the
 Prov. 22. 15. Rod hath not driven the Foolishness out of our Hearts.

2 Sam. 7. 14. Thou hast *chasten'd us with the Rod of Men, and with the Stripes of the Children of Men*, yet we have not turned to him that smiteth us, nor have we sought the Lord of Hosts.

Isa. 9. 13.

Amos 4. 11. When some have been *overthrown as Sodom and Gomorrah were*, we have been as Brands pluck'd out of the Fire, yet have we not returned unto thee, O Lord. And when thy
 Isa. 26. 11. Hand has been lifted up, we have not seen it.

(6.) The more Vows and Promises we have made of better Obedience, the greater has our Sin been.

Jer. 34. 18. We have not perform'd the Words of the Covenant which we made before thee, but as treacherous Dealers we have dealt treacherously.

Isa. 24. 16.

Jer. 2. 20. Did we not say we would not transgress, we would not offend any more? We did, and yet
 Job 34. 31. we have return'd with the Dog to his Vomit;
 2 Pet. 2. 22. have return'd to Folly after God hath spoken
 Psal. 85. 8. Peace.

9. We must judge and condemn our selves for our Sins, and own our selves liable to Punishment.

Ezr. 9. 10. And now, O our God, what shall we say after this, for we have forsaken thy Commandments?
 Job 7. 20. We have sinned, what shall we do unto thee, O thou Preserver of Men?

Gal. 3. 10. We know that the Law curseth every one that continues not in all things that are written in the Book of the Law to do them; that the Wages of every Sin is Death; and that for these things sake cometh the Wrath of God upon the Children of Disobedience.

Rom. 6. 23.

Eph. 5. 6.

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And we are all guilty before God ; the Scripture hath concluded us all under Sin ; and therefore thou might'st justly be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us ; so that there should be no Remnant, nor escaping. Rom. 3. 19. Gal. 3. 22. Ezr. 9. 15.

If thou should'st lay Righteousness to the Line and Judgment to the Plummets, thou might'st justly separate us unto all Evil, according to all the Curses of the Covenant, and blot out our Names from under Heaven. Isa. 28. 17. Deut. 29. 21.

Thou might'st justly swear in thy Wrath, that we should never enter into thy Rest ; might'st justly set us naked and bare, and take away our Corn in the Season thereof, and our Wine in the Season thereof, and put into our Hands the Cup of Trembling, and make us drink even the Dregs of that Cup. Psal. 95. ult. Hos. 2. 3, 9. Isa. 51. 22.

Thou art just in whatever thou art pleas'd to lay upon us ; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly : Nay, thou our God hast punished us less than our Iniquities have deserv'd. Neh. 9. 33. Ezr. 9. 13.

Thou therefore shalt be justified when thou speakest, and clear when thou judgest ; and we will accept of the Punishment of our Iniquity, and humble our selves under thy mighty Hand, and say the Lord is righteous. Psal. 51. 4. Lev. 26. 43. 1 Pet. 5. 6. 2 Chr. 12. 6.

Wherefore should a living Man complain, a Man for the Punishment of his Sins ? No, we will bear the Indignation of the Lord, because we have sinned against him. Lam. 3. 39. Mic. 7. 9.

10. We must give to God the Glory of his Patience and Long-suffering towards us, and his Willingness to be reconcil'd.

O the Riches of the Patience and Forbearance of God ! how long-suffering is he to us ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to Repentance. Rom. 2. 4. 2 Pet. 3. 9.

Pfal. 103. 10. Thou hast not dealt with us according to our Sins, nor rewarded us after our Iniquities; but thou waitest to be gracious to us.

Iſa. 30. 18.

Eccl. 8. 11.

Rev. 2. 21.

Jer. 3. 22, 23.

2 Pet. 3. 15.

Jud. 13. 23.

Rom. 2. 4.

Ezr. 10. 2.

Ezek. 33. 11.

Joel 2. 13, 14.

Mat. 3. 2.

Acts 5. 31.

Sentence against our evil Works has not been executed speedily; but thou hast given us space to repent, and make our Peace with thee; and callest even backsliding Children to return to thee, and hast promised to heal their Backslidings; And therefore, Behold we come unto thee, for thou art the Lord our God.

Surely the Long-suffering of our Lord is Salvation; and if the Lord had been pleased to kill us, he would not as at this time have shewed us such things as these.

And O that this Goodness of God might lead us to Repentance! for tho' we have trespassed against our God, yet now there is Hope in Israel concerning this thing.

Thou hast said it, and hast confirm'd it with an Oath, that thou hast no pleasure in the Death of Sinners, but rather that they should turn and live: Therefore will we rent our Hearts and not our Garments, and turn to the Lord our God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to Anger, and of great Kindness, who knows if he will return and repent, and leave a Blessing behind him.

11. We must humbly profess our Sorrow and Shame for Sin, and humbly engage our selves in the Strength of Divine Grace, that we will be better and do better for the future.

Lord, we repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand; to which thou hast exalted thy Son Christ Jesus to give Repentance and Remission of Sins.

Confession of Sin.

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We have heard of thee by the hearing of the Ear, Job. 42. 5, 6. but now our Eye sees thee; wherefore we abhor our selves, and repent in Dust and Ashes. Therefore will we be like the Doves of the Vallies, every one mourning for his Iniquities. Ezek. 7. 16.

O that our Heads were Waters, and our Eyes Fountains of Tears, that we might weep Day and Night for our Transgressions, and might in such a manner sow in those Tears, as that at last we may reap in Joy; may now go forth weeping, bearing precious Seed, and may in due time come again with rejoicing, bringing our Sheaves with us. Psal. 126. 5, 6.

Our Iniquities are gone over our Heads as a heavy Burthen, they are too heavy for us; but weary and heavy laden under this Burden we come to Christ, who has promis'd that in him we shall find rest for our Souls. Psal. 38. 4. Mat. 11. 28.

O that knowing every Man the Plague of his own Heart, we may look unto him whom we have pierced, and may mourn, and be in bitterness for him as one that is in Bitterness for a First-born. That we may sorrow after a godly sort, with that Sorrow which worketh Repentance unto Salvation not to be repented of; and that we may remember and be confounded, and never open our Mouth any more, because of our Shame when thou art pacified towards us. 1 Kings 8. 38. Zech. 12. 10. 2 Cor. 7. 10. Ezek. 16. 63.

And, O that we may bring forth Fruits meet for Repentance! and may never return again to Folly! for what have we to do any more with Idols? Sin shall not have Dominion over us, for we are not under the Law, but under Grace. Mat. 3. 8. Psal. 85. 8. Hos. 14. 8. Rom. 6. 14.

We have gone astray like lost Sheep; seek thy Servants, for we do not forget thy Commandments. Ps. 119. ult.

CHAP.

C H A P. III.

Of the third Part of Prayer, which is Petition and Supplication for the Good Things which we stand in need of.

HAVING open'd the Wounds of Sin, both the Guilt of it, and the Power of it, and its Remainders in us, we must next seek unto God for the Remedy, for Healing and Help, for from him alone it is to be expected, and he will *for this be en-*
quired of by us. And now we must affect our Hearts with a deep Sense of the Need we have of those Mercies which we pray for, that we are undone, for ever undone, without them; and with a high Esteem and Value for them, that we are happy, we are made for ever if we obtain them; that we may like *Jacob* wrestle with him in Prayer as for our Lives, and the Lives of our Souls. But we must not think in our Prayers to prescribe to him, or by our Importunity to move him. He knows us better than we know our selves, and *knows what he will do.*
 But thus we open our Wants and our Desires, and then refer our selves to his Wisdom and Goodness: And hereby we give Honour to him as our Protector and Benefactor, and take the way which he himself hath appointed of fetching in Mercy from him, and by Faith plead his Promise with him; and if we are sincere herein, we are through his Grace qualified according to the
 Tenor

Ezek. 36. 37.

John 6. 6.

Tenor of the New Covenant to receive his Favours, and are to be assur'd, that *we do and shall receive them.*

Mar. 11. 24.

And now, Lord, what wait we for? Truly our Hope is even in thee: Deliver us from all our Transgressions, that we may not be the Reproach of the Foolish.

Psal. 39. 7, 8.

Lord, all our Desire is before thee, and our Groaning is not hid from thee; even the Groanings which cannot be utter'd: For he that searcheth the Heart, knows what is the Mind of the Spirit.

Psal. 38. 9.

For he that searcheth the Heart, knows what is the Mind of the Spirit.

Rom. 8. 26,

27.

We do not think that we shall be heard for our much speaking; for our Father knows what things we have need of before we ask him; but our Master hath told us, that whatsoever we ask the Father in his Name he will give it us. And he hath said, Ask and ye shall receive, that your Joy may be full.

Mat. 6. 7, 8.

John 16. 23,

24.

And this is the Confidence that we have in him, that if we ask any thing according to his Will, he beareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the Petitions that we desired of him.

1 John 5. 14,

15.

I. We must earnestly pray for the Pardon and Forgiveness of all our Sins.

Lord, we come to thee, as the poor Publican, that stood afar off, and would not so much as lift up his Eyes to Heaven, but smote upon his Breast; and we pray his Prayer, God be merciful to us Sinners. The God of infinite Mercy be merciful to us.

Luke 18. 13.

O wash us thoroughly from our Iniquity, and cleanse us from our Sin, for we acknowledge our Transgressions, and our Sin is ever before us. O purge us with Hyssop and we shall be clean, wash us and we shall be whiter than Snow: Hide thy Face

Psal. 51. 2, 3,

7, 9.

Face

- Face from our Sins, and blot out all our Iniquities.
- Heb. 8. 12. Be thou merciful to our Unrighteousness, and our Sins and our Iniquities do thou remember no more. O forgive us that great Debt.
- Mat. 18. 32. more. O forgive us that great Debt.
- Rom. 3. 24. Let us be justified freely by thy Grace through the Redemption that is in Jesus, from all those things from which we could not be justified by the Law of Moses.
- Acts 13. 39. things from which we could not be justified by the Law of Moses.
- Ezek. 18. 30. O let not our Iniquity be our Ruin; but let the Lord take away our Sin that we may not die, not die eternally; that we may not be hurt of the second Death.
- 2 Sam. 12. 13. Lord take away our Sin that we may not die, not die eternally; that we may not be hurt of the second Death.
- Rev. 2. 11. that we may not be hurt of the second Death.
- Isa. 44. 22. Blot out as a Cloud our Transgressions, and as a thick Cloud our Sins; for we return unto thee because thou hast redeemed us.
- Psal. 143. 2. Enter not into Judgment with thy Servants, O Lord, for in thy sight shall no Flesh living be justified.
- Hos. 14. 2, 3, 4. Take away all Iniquity, and receive us graciously; Heal our Backslidings, and love us freely, and let thine Anger be turned away from us; for in thee the Fatherless findeth Mercy.
- Isa. 1. 18. Though our Sins have been as Scarlet, let them be as white as Snow, and tho' they have been red like Crimson, let them be as Wool, that being willing and obedient, we may eat the Good of the Land.
- Job 10. 2. We will say unto God, Do not condemn us, but deliver us from going down to the Pit, for thou hast found the Ransom.
- 33. 24.

For the encouraging of our Faith, and the exciting of our Fervency in this Petition for the Pardon of Sin, we may plead with God,

(1.) The infinite Goodness of his Nature, his Readiness to forgive Sin, and his glorying in it.

Thou

Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; Pfal. 86. 5, 15.
and rich in Mercy to all them that call upon thee.

Thou art a God full of Compassion and gracious,
long-suffering and plenteous in Mercy and Truth.

Thou art a God of Pardons, merciful, slow to
Anger, and of great Kindness; that dost not
always chide, nor keep thine Anger for ever. Pfal. 103. 9.

Thou, even thou art he that blottest out our Iſa. 43. 25, 26.
Transgressions for thine own sake, and wilt not
remember our Sins; which we are here to put
thee in remembrance of, to plead with thee and to
declare, that we may be justified.

And now we beseech thee, let the Power of our Numb. 14. 17,
Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, 18, 19.
saying, the Lord is long-suffering and of great
Mercy, forgiving Iniquity and Transgression.
Pardon, we beseech thee, the Iniquity of thy Peo-
ple, according unto the greatness of thy Mercy;
and as thou hast forgiven, even until now.

For who is a God like unto thee, that pardonest Mic. 7. 18, 19.
Iniquity, and passest by the Transgression of the
Remnant of thine Heritage; who retainest not
thine Anger for ever, because thou delightest in
Mercy. O that thou would'st have compassion
upon us, and subdue our Iniquities, and cast all
our Sins into the Depths of the Sea.

(2.) The Merit and Righteousness of our
Lord Jesus Christ, which we rely upon as
our main Plea in our Petition for the Par-
don of Sin.

We know that as thou art gracious and mer- Pfal. 11. 7.
ful, so thou art the righteous God that loveth
Righteousness, and wilt by no means clear the Exod. 34. 7.
Guilty. We cannot say, Have patience with Mat. 18. 26.
us, and we will pay thee all; for we are all as an
unclean thing, and all our Righteousnesses are as Iſa. 64. 6.
filthy Rags. But Jesus Christ is made of God to 1 Cor. 1. 30.

us Righteousness; being made Sin for us, tho' he
 2 Cor. 5. 21. knew no Sin, that he might be made the Righteousness of God in him.

1 John 2. 1, 2. We have sinned, but we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous, who is the Propitiation for our Sins, and not for ours only, but for the Sins of the whole World.

Rom. 8. 33, 34. It is God that justifieth, who is he that shall condemn? It is Christ that died, yea rather that is risen again, and now is even at the Right Hand of God; who also maketh Intercession for us, and whose Blood speaks better things than that of Abel.

Phil. 3. 7, 8, 9. We desire to count every thing loss for Christ; and Dung that we may win Christ, and be found in him, not having any Righteousness of our own, but that which is through the Faith of Christ.

Jer. 23. 6. This is the Name whereby we will call him, The Lord our Righteousness. In him, Lord, we believe, help thou our Unbelief.

Psal. 132. 1, 10. Lord, remember David and all his Troubles; the Son of David. Remember all his Offerings,

Psal. 20. 3. and accept his Burnt Sacrifice; and turn not away the Face of thine Anointed; who by his own

Heb. 9. 24. Blood is enter'd into Heaven it self, now to appear in the Presence of God for us.

Rom. 3. 25, 26. Hast not thou thy self set forth thy Son Christ Jesus to be a Propitiation for Sin through Faith in his Blood, to deliver thy Righteousness for the Remission of Sins, to declare at this time thy Righteousness, that thou may'st be just, and the Justifier of him which believeth in Jesus; And

Rom. 5. 11. we now receive the Atonement.

(3.) The Promises God hath made in his Word to pardon and absolve all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Lord,

Lord, is not this the Word which thou *Iſa.* 55. 7. hast spoken, that if the Wicked forsake his Way, and the unrighteous Man his Thoughts, and return unto the Lord, even to our God, that thou wilt abundantly pardon, wilt multiply to pardon?

To thee the Lord our God belong Mercies and *Dan.* 9. 8. Forgivenesses, tho' we have rebelled against thee.

Is not this the Covenant which thou hast made *Rom.* 11. 27. with the House of Israel, that thou wilt take away their Sins; that thou wilt forgive their Iniquity, and remember their Sin no more; that the Iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the Sins of Judah, and *Jer.* 50. 20. they shall not be found?

Hast thou not said, that if the Wicked will *Ezek.* 18. 21, turn from all his Sins which he hath committed, ^{22.} and keep thy Statutes, he shall live, he shall not die, all his Transgressions shall not be mention'd unto him?

Hast thou not appointed that Repentance *Luke* 24. 47. and Remission of Sins should be preached in Christ's Name unto all Nations?

Didst thou not promise, that when the Sins *Lev.* 16. 22, of Israel were put upon the Head of the Scape ^{23.} Goat, they should be sent away into the Wilderness, into a Land not inhabited? And as far as the East is from the West, so far dost thou remove *Pſal.* 103. 12. our Transgressions from us.

O remember these Words unto thy Servants, *Pſal.* 119. 49. upon which thou hast caused us to hope.

(4.) Our own Misery and Danger because of Sin.

For thy Name's sake, O Lord, pardon our Iniquity, for it is great; for innumerable Evils have compassed us about, our Iniquities have taken *Pſal.* 25. 11. hold upon us, so that we are not able to look up. Be pleas'd, O Lord, to deliver us; O Lord, make haste to help us. O

Pfal. 79. 8, 9. O remember not against us former Iniquities; let thy tender Mercies speedily prevent us, for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our Salvation, for the Glory of thy Name; Deliver us, and purge away our Sins for thy Name's sake.

Pfal. 25. 7. Remember not the Sins of our Youth, nor our Transgressions; according to thy Mercy remember thou us, for thy Goodness sake, O Lord.

(5.) The blessed Condition which they are in whose Sins are pardon'd.

Pfal. 32. 1, 2. O let us have the Blessedness of those whose Transgression is forgiven, and whose Sin is covered; of that Man unto whom the Lord imputeth not Iniquity, and in whose Spirit there is no Guile.

Eph. 1. 7, 8. O let us have Redemption through Christ's Blood, even the Forgiveness of Sins, according to the Riches of thy Grace; wherein thou hast abounded towards us in all Wisdom and Prudence.

Rom. 8. 1. That being in Christ Jesus, there may be no Condemnation to us.

Luke 7. 47, 50. That our Sins, which are many, being forgiven us, we may go in Peace: And the Inhabitant shall not say, I am sick, if the People that dwell therein be forgiven their Iniquity.

Isa. 33. ult.

2. We must likewise pray that God will be reconciled to us, that we may obtain his Favour and Blessing, and gracious Acceptance.

(1.) That we may be at peace with God; and his Anger may be turned away from us.

Rom. 5. 1, 2. Being justified by Faith, let us have Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, and through him let us have access into that Grace wherein Believers stand, and rejoice in hope of the Glory of God.

Be not thou a Terror to us, for thou art our Jer. 17. 17.
 Hope in the Day of Evil.

In Christ Jesus let us, who sometimes were Eph. 2. 13,
 afar off, be made nigh by the Blood of Christ; 14, 15, 19.
 For he is our Peace; who hath broken down the
 middle Wall of Partition between us, and that
 he might reconcile us to God by his Cross, hath
 slain the Enmity thereby, so making Peace. Thro^t
 him therefore let us who had made our selves
 Strangers and Foreigners, become Fellow Citizens
 with the Saints; and of the Household of God.

Fury is not in thee, who would set the Briars Isa. 27. 4, 5.
 and Thorns against thee in Battle, thou would'st
 go through them, yea thou would'st burn them
 together; But thou hast encourag'd us to take
 hold on thy Strength that we may make Peace,
 and hast promis'd that we shall make Peace; O
 let us therefore acquaint our selves with thee, and
 be at Peace; that thereby Good may come unto us. Job 22. 21.

Heal us and we shall be healed, save us, and Jer. 17. 14.
 we shall be saved, for thou art our Praise. Be not
 angry with us for ever, but receive us again, that Psal. 85. 5, 6.
 thy People may rejoice in thee. Shew us thy Mer-
 cy, O Lord, and grant us thy Salvation.

(2.) That we may be taken into Covenant
 with God, and admitted into Relation to him.

Be thou to us a God; and take us to be to thee Heb. 8. 10.
 a People; and make us a willing People in the Psal. 110. 3.
 Day of thy Power.

Tho' we are no more worthy to be called Luke 15. 19.
 thy Children; for how should'st thou put us that
 have been rebellious among the Children, and Jer. 3. 19.
 give us the pleasant Land? But thou hast said
 that we shall call thee our Father, and not turn
 away from thee. Shall we not therefore from
 this time cry unto thee, Our Father, thou art the Jer. 3. 4.
 Guide of our Youth.

E

Lord;

Isa. 56. 4. Lord, we take hold of thy Covenant, to thee
 Jer. 50. 5. we join our selves in a perpetual Covenant; O
 Ezek. 20. 37. that thou would'st cause us to pass under the
 Rod, and bring us into the Bond of the Covenant,
 —16. 8. that we may become thine.

Isa. 55. 3. Make with us an everlasting Covenant, even
 the sure Mercies of David.

(3.) That we may have the Favour of
 God, and an Interest in his special Love.

Psal. 119. 58. We intreat thy Favour, O God, with our
 whole Hearts; be merciful to us according to thy

Psal. 30. 5. Word, for in thy Favour is Life, yea thy loving

—3. 3. Kindness is better than Life it self.

Numb. 6. 25, Lord, make thy Face to shine upon us, and be
 26. gracious unto us; Lord, lift up the Light of thy
 Countenance upon us, and give us Peace.

Psal. 106. 4,5. Remember us, O Lord, with the Favour that
 thou bearest unto thy People, O visit us with thy
 Salvation, that we may see the Good of thy Cho-
 sen, and may rejoice in the Gladness of thy Na-
 tion, and may glory with thine Inheritance.

(4.) That we may have the Blessing of
 God.

Psal. 67. 1, 6. O God, be merciful to us and bless us, and
 cause thy Face to shine upon us; yea let God, even
 our own God, give us his Blessing.

Psal. 134. 3. The Lord that made Heaven and Earth, bless
 Eph. 1. 3. us out of Zion; bless us with all spiritual Bless-
 ings in heavenly things by Christ Jesus.

1 Chr. 4. 10. O that thou would'st bless us indeed! Com-
 Psal. 133. 3. mand the Blessing upon us, even Life for ever
 1 Chr. 17. 27. more; For thou blisset, O Lord, and it shall be
 blessed.

Psal. 24. 5. Let us receive the Blessing from the Lord,
 even Righteousness from the God of our Salvation.

Gen. 27. 38. Hast thou but one Blessing? Yea, thou hast
 many Blessings: Bless us, even us also, O our
 Father;

Father; yea, let the Blessing of Abraham come upon us, which comes upon the Gentiles through Gal. 3. 14. Faith. And the Blessing of Jacob, for we Gen. 32. 26. would not let thee go, except thou bless us.

(5.) That we may have the Presence of God with us.

If thy Presence go not up with us, carry us not up hence; never leave us nor forsake us. Exod. 33. 15. Heb. 13. 5.

O cast us not away from thy Presence, nor ever take thy Holy Spirit away from us; but let us always dwell with the Upright in thy Presence. Psal. 51. 11. Psal. 140. 13.

2. We must pray for the comfortable Sense of our Reconciliation to God, and our Acceptance with him.

(1.) That we may have some evidence of the Pardon of our Sins, and of our Adoption.

O make us to hear Joy and Gladness, that the Bones which Sin hath broken may rejoice. Psal. 51. 8.

Say unto each of us, Son, Daughter, be of good cheer, thy Sins are forgiven thee. Mat. 9. 2.

Let the Blood of Christ, who through the Eternal Spirit offer'd himself without spot to God, purge our Conscience from dead Works to serve thee the living God. Heb. 9. 14.

Let thy Spirit witness with our Spirits that we are the Children of God, and if Children, then Heirs, Heirs of God, and Joint-Heirs with Christ. Rom. 8. 16, 17.

Say unto our Souls, that thou art our Salvation. Psal. 35. 3.

(2.) That we may have a well-grounded Peace of Conscience; a holy Security and Serenity of Mind arising from a Sense of our Justification before God, and a Good Work wrought in us.

- 2 Theff. 3. 16. *The Lord of Peace himself give us Peace, all Peace, always, by all means; that Peace which*
- John 14. 27. *Jesus Christ hath left with us, which he gives to us, such a Peace as the World can neither give nor take away; such a Peace as that our Hearts may not be troubled or afraid.*
- Ifa. 32. 17. *Let the Work of Righteousness in our Souls be Peace, and the Effect of Righteousness Quietness and Assurance for ever.*
- Pfal. 85. 8. *Speak Peace unto thy People and to thy Saints; and let not them turn again to Folly.*
- Ifa. 57. 18, 19. *O create the Fruit of the Lips, Peace, Peace to them that are afar off and to them that are nigh, and restore Comfort to thy Mourners.*
- Luke 10. 6. *Where the Sons of Peace are, let thy Peace find them out, and rest upon them.*
- Pfal. 143. 8. *Cause us to hear thy loving Kindness, and to taste that thou art gracious, for in thee do we trust.*
- 2 Pet. 2. 3. *Let the Peace of God which passeth all Understanding, keep our Hearts and Minds through Christ Jesus; and let that Peace rule in our Hearts, unto which we are called.*
- Phil. 4. 7. *Now the God of Hope fill us with all Joy and Peace in believing; that we may abound in Hope through the Power of the Holy Ghost.*
- Col. 3. 15. *4. We must pray for the Grace of God, and all the kind and powerful Influences and Operations of that Grace.*
- Rom. 15. 13. *We come to the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain not only Mercy [to pardon, but Grace to help in every time of need; Grace for seasonable Help.*
- John 1. 16. *From the Fulness that is in Jesus Christ (in whom it pleased the Father that all Fulness should dwell) let every one of us receive, and Grace for*
- Col. 1. 19. *Grace.*

i. We must pray for Grace to fortify us against every evil Thought, Word and Work. Having been earnest for the removing of the Guilt of Sin, that we may not die for it as a Crime; we must be no less earnest for the breaking of the Power of Sin, that we may not die by it as a Disease; but that it may be mortified in us.

O let no Iniquity have Dominion over us, because we are not under the Law, but under Grace. Rom. 6. 14.

Let the Flesh be crucified in us with its Affections and Lusts; that walking in the Spirit we may not fulfil the Lusts of the Flesh. Gal. 5. 16, 24.

Let our old Man be crucified with Christ, that the Body of Sin may be destroy'd, that henceforth we may not serve Sin; and let not Sin reign in our mortal Bodies (in our immortal Souls) that we should obey it in the Lusts thereof. But being made free from Sin let us become the Servants of Righteousness. Rom. 6. 6, 12, 18.

Let the Law of the Spirit of Life, which is in Christ Jesus, make us free from the Law of Sin and Death. Rom. 8. 2.

Give us Grace to put off the old Man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful Lusts, that we may put on the new Man, which after God is created in Righteousness and true Holiness. Eph. 4. 22, 24.

That the World may be crucified to us, and we to the World, by the Cross of Christ. Gal. 6. 14.

And that the Temptations of Satan may not overcome us.

We pray that we may not enter into Temptation: Or however, That no Temptation may take us but such as is common to Men, and let the Faithful God never suffer us to be tempted above what we are able, but with the Temptation make way for us to escape. Mat. 26. 41. 1 Cor. 10. 13.

Eph. 6. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17. Put upon us the whole Armour of God, that we may be able to stand against the Wiles of the Devil, to withstand in the evil Day, and having done all to stand; Let our Loins be girt about with Truth, put on us the Breast-plate of Righteousness, and let our Feet be shod with the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace. Give us the Shield of Faith, wherewith we may quench all the fiery Darts of the Wicked, and the Helmet of Salvation; and let the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, be always ready to us.

Jam. 4. 7. Enable us so to resist the Devil, as that he
1 Pet. 5. 9. may flee from us; to resist him stedfast in the
Rom. 16. 20. Faith. And the God of Peace tread Satan under
our Feet, and do it shortly.

2. We must pray for Grace to furnish us for every good Thought, Word, and Work; that we may not only be kept from Sin, but may be in every thing as we should be, and do as we should do.

1 Cor. 1. 30. Let Christ be made of God to us not only Righteousness, but Wisdom, Sanctification and Redemption.

Rom. 6. 4. Let us be planted together in the Likeness of Christ's Death and Resurrection, that as he was raised from the Dead by the Glory of the Father, so we also may walk in Newness of Life.

(1.) That the Work of Grace may be wrought there where it is not yet begun.

Psal. 51. 13. Lord, teach Transgressors thy Ways, and let

Luke 1. 17. Sinners be converted unto thee; and let the Disobedient be turn'd to the Wisdom of the Just; and made ready, a People prepared for the Lord.

Eph. 2. 1. Let those be quicken'd that are yet dead in Trespasses and Sins: Say unto them, Live; yea,

Ezek. 16. 6, 8. say unto them, Live; and the time shall be a time of Love. Open

Open their Eyes, and turn them from Darkness Acts 26. 18. to Light, and from the Power of Satan unto God, that they may receive Forgiveness of Sins, and an Inheritance among them which are sanctified.

By the Blood of the Covenant send forth the Zech. 9. 11, Prisoners out of the Pit in which is no Water, ^{12.} that they may turn to the Strong Hold, as Prisoners of Hope.

Let the Word of God prevail to the pulling ^{2 Cor. 10. 5.} down of Strong Holds, and the casting down of Imaginations; and every high thing that exalteth it self against the Knowledge of God, and let every Thought be brought into Obedience to Christ.

2. That where it is begun it may be carried on, and at length perfected, and the Foundation that is well laid may be happily built upon.

Fulfil in us all the good Pleasure of thy Good- ^{2 Theff. 1. 11.}ness, and the Work of Faith with Power.

Let the God that has begun a good Work in Phil. 1. 6. us, perform it unto the Day of Christ.

Perfect, O God, that which concerns us : Thy Psal. 138. 8. Mercy, O Lord, endures for ever ; forsake not the Work of thine own Hands.

Lord, let thy Grace be sufficient for us, and ^{2 Cor. 12. 9.} let thy Strength be made perfect in Weakness ; that ^{10.} where we are weak there we may be strong ; ^{Eph. 6. 10.} strong in the Lord and the Power of his Might.

More particularly we must pray for Grace.

1. To teach and instruct us, and make us knowing and intelligent in the things of God.

Give us so to cry after Knowledge, and lift ^{Prov. 2. 3. 4.} up our Voice for Understanding, to seek for it as ^{5.} Silver, and to search for it as for hid Treasure, that we may understand the Fear of the Lord, and find the Knowledge of God.

- Heb. 8. 11. Give us *all to know thee, from the least even*
 Hos. 6. 3. *to the greatest, and to follow on to know thee ;*
 John 17. 3. *and so to know thee the only true God, and Je-*
sus Christ whom thou hast sent, as may be Life
Eternal to us.
- Eph. 1. 17,
 18, 19. Give us the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation
in the Knowledge of Christ, that the Eyes of our
Understanding being enlighten'd, we may know
what is the Hope of his Calling, and what the
Riches of the Glory of his Inheritance in the
Saints, and may experience what is the ex-
ceeding Greatness of his Power to us ward who
believe ; according to the working of his mighty
Power.
- Psal. 119. 18. Open thou our Eyes, that we may see the won-
drous things of thy Law and Gospel.
- Luke 1. 4. Give us to know the Certainty of those things
wherein we have been instructed ; and let our
Knowledge grow up to all Riches of the full
Assurance of Understanding, to the acknowledg-
ment of the Mystery of God, even of the Father
and of Christ.
- Pl. 119. 124,
 125, 169. Deal with thy Servants according to thy Mercy,
and teach us thy Statutes ; we are thy Servants,
give us Understanding that we may know thy
Testimonies. Let our Cry come before thee, O
Lord, give us Understanding according to thy
- Pl. 111. 10. Word ; that good Understanding which they have
that do thy Commandments ; whose Praise endu-
reth for ever.
2. To lead us into, and keep us in the
way of Truth, and if in any thing we be in
an Error, to rectify our Mistake.
- John 16. 13. Let the Spirit of Truth guide us into all Truth,
 Job 6. 24. *and cause us to understand wherein we have*
erred.

That which we see not teach thou us, and enable us so to prove all things, as to hold fast that which is good, Job 34. 32. 1 Theff. 5. 21.

Lord, grant that we may not be as Children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every Wind of Doctrine, by the slight of Men, but speaking the Truth in Love, may grow up into Christ in all things, who is the Head, Eph. 4. 14. 15.

Lord, give us so to do thy Will, as that we may know of the Doctrine whether it be of God; and so to know the Truth, as that the Truth may make us free, may make us free indeed, John 7. 17. 8. 32, 36.

Enable us, we pray thee, to hold fast the form of sound Words, which we have heard, in Faith and Love which is in Christ Jesus, and to continue in the things which we have learned and been assur'd of, 2 Tim. 1. 13. 3. 14.

3. To help our Memories, that the Truths of God may be ready to us, whenever we have occasion to use them.

Lord, let thy Spirit teach us all things, and bring all things to our remembrance, whatsoever thou hast said unto us; that the Word of Christ may dwell richly in us in all Wisdom and spiritual Understanding, John 14. 26. Col. 3. 16.

Lord, grant that we may give a more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we let them slip, and may keep in memory what hath been preached to us, and may not believe in vain, Heb. 2. 1.

Lord, make us ready and mighty in the Scriptures, that we may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good Works; and being well instructed unto the Kingdom of Heaven, may as the good Householder, bring out of our Treasure things new and old, Acts 18. 29. 2 Tim. 3. 17.

4. To direct our Consciences, to shew us the Way of our Duty, and to make us wise, knowing, judicious Christians.

1 Kings 3. 9. Lord, give us a wise and an understanding
Eccl. 10. 10. Heart, that Wisdom which in all Cases is profit-
Prov. 14. 8. table to direct; that Wisdom of the Prudent
which is to understand his Way.

Phil. 1. 9, 10, 11. This we pray, that our Love may abound yet
more and more in Knowledge, and in all Judg-
ment, that we may discern things that differ,
and may approve things that are excellent; That
we may be sincere and without Offence unto the
Day of Christ, and may be filled with the Fruits
of Righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ unto
the Glory and Praise of God.

Col. 1. 9, 10. O that we may be filled with the Knowledge
of thy Will in all Wisdom and spiritual Under-
standing; That we may walk worthy of the Lord
unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good
Work, and increasing in the Knowledge of God.

Psal. 27. 11. Teach us thy Way, O God, and lead us in a
plain Path, because of our Observers.

2 Chr. 20. 12. When we know not what to do, our Eyes are up
unto thee; Then let us hear the Word behind us,

Isa. 30. 21. saying, This is the Way, walk in it, that we
turn not to the Right Hand, or to the Left.

Pf. 119. 133. Order our Steps in thy Word, and let no Iniqui-
ty have Dominion over us.

5. To sanctify our Natures, to plant in us
all holy Principles and Dispositions, and to
increase every Grace in us.

1 Thess. 5. 23, 24. The very God of Peace sanctify us wholly, and
we pray God our whole Spirit, and Soul and Bo-
dy, may be preserved blameless unto the Coming of
our Lord Jesus Christ; for faithful is he that
calleth us, who also will do it.

Create in us a clean Heart, O God, and renew
 a right Spirit within us; Cast us not away from
 thy Presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit away
 from us; Restore unto us the Joy of thy Salvation,
 and uphold us with thy free Spirit.

Write thy Law in our Hearts, and put it in
 our inward Part, that we may be the Epistles of
 Christ written by the Spirit of the living God, not
 in Tables of Stone, but in fleshy Tables of the
 Heart, that the Law of our God being in our
 Heart, none of our Steps may slide, and we may
 delight to do thy Will, O God, may delight in the
 Law of God after the inward Man.

O that we may obey from the Heart that
 Form of Doctrine into which we desire to be de-
 liver'd, as into a Mold, that our whole Souls
 may be leaven'd by it; and that we may not
 be conformed to this World, but transformed by the
 renewing of our Mind; may not fashion our selves
 after our former Lusts in our Ignorance, but as
 obedient Children may be holy in all manner of
 Conversation, as he which hath called us is
 holy.

(1.) We must pray for Faith.

Unto us (Lord) let it be given to believe;
 for the Faith by which we are saved is not of
 our selves, it is the Gift of God.

Lord, increase our Faith; and perfect what is
 lacking in it, that we may be strong in Faith,
 giving Glory to God.

Lord, give us so to be crucified with Christ,
 as that the Life we now live in the Flesh we may
 live by the Faith of the Son of God, who loved
 us, and gave himself for us; And so to bear
 about with us continually the dying of the Lord
 Jesus, as that the Life also of Jesus may be mani-
 fested in our mortal Bodies.

As

Col. 2. 6, 7. *As we have received Christ Jesus the Lord, enable us so to walk in him, rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the Faith as we have been taught, abounding therein with Thanksgiving.*

Heb. 4. 2. *Let every Word of thine profit us, being mixed with Faith, by which we receive thy*
 John 3. 33. *Testimony, and set to our Seal that God is true.*

We beseech thee work in us that Faith
 Heb. 11. 1. *which is the Substance of things hoped for, and the Evidence of things not seen, by which we*
 2 Cor. 4. 18. *may look above the things that are seen that are temporal, and may look at the things that are not seen that are eternal.*

Psal. 16. 8. *Enable us by Faith to set the Lord always*
 —25. 15. *before us, and to have our Eyes ever towards him; that we may act in every thing as seeing him that is invisible, and having a respect to the recompence of Reward.*

Acts 15. 9. *Let our Hearts be purified by Faith, and let*
 1 John 5. 4. *it be our Victory overcoming the World. And let us be kept from fainting by believing that*
 Psal. 27. 13. *we shall see the Goodness of the Lord in the Land of the Living.*

(2.) We must pray for the Fear of God.

Prov. 1. 7. *Lord, work in us that Fear of thee, which is the Beginning of Wisdom, which is the In-*
 —15. 33. *struction of Wisdom, and which is a Fountain*
 —14. 27. *of Life to depart from the Snares of Death.*

Psal. 86. 11. *Unite our Hearts to fear thy Name, that we*
 Eccl. 12. 13. *may keep thy Commandments, which is the whole of Man.*

Jer. 32. 40. *O put thy Fear into our Hearts, that we may*
 Psal. 119. 38. *never depart from thee. Let us all be devoted to*
 Prov. 23. 17. *thy Fear; And let us be in the Fear of the Lord every Day, and all the Day long.*

(3.) We

(2.) We must pray that the Love of God and Christ may be rooted in us, and in order thereunto, that the Love of the World may be rooted out of us.

Give us Grace (we beseech thee) to love *Mat. 22. 37.* thee the Lord our God with all our Heart and Soul, and Mind and Might, which is the first and great Commandment, to set our Love upon *Psal. 91. 14;* thee, and to delight our selves always in thee, —*37. 4.* and therein we shall have the Desire of our Heart.

Circumcise our Hearts to love thee the Lord our *Deut. 30. 6.* God with all our Heart, and with all our Soul, that we may live.

O that the Love of God may be shed abroad in *Rom. 5. 5.* our Hearts by the Holy Ghost.

O that Jesus Christ may be very precious to *1 Pet. 2. 7.* us, as he is to all that believe, that he may be in our account the chiefest of ten thou- *Cant. 5. 10,* sands, and altogether lovely; and that he may *16.* be our Beloved and our Friend: That tho' we have not seen him, yet we may love him, and *1 Pet. 1. 8.* tho' now we see him not, yet believing we may rejoice with Joy unspeakable and full of Glory.

Let the Love of Christ to us constrain us to *2 Cor. 5. 14;* live, not to our selves, but to him that died for us and rose again.

And, Lord, grant that we may not love *1 Joh. 2. 15.* the World, nor the things that are in the World, because if any Man love the World, the Love of the Father is not in him; that we may set our Affections on things above, and not on things that are on the Earth.

(4.) We must pray that our Consciences may be always tender, and that we may live a Life of Repentance.

Lord,

Ezek. 11. 19. Lord, take away the stony Heart out of our
Flesh, and give us a Heart of Flesh.

1 Thess. 5. 22. Make us afraid of all Appearances of Evil,
and careful not to give Satan advantage against

2 Cor. 2. 11. us, as being not ignorant of his Devices.

Prov. 28. 14. Lord, give us the Happiness which they
have that fear always; that when we think we

1 Cor. 10. 12. stand, we may take heed lest we fall.

(5.) We must pray to God to work in us
Charity and Brotherly Love.

Col. 3. 14. Lord, put upon us that Charity which is
the Bond of Perfectness, that we may keep the

Eph. 4. 3. Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace, and may

2 Cor. 13. 11. live in Love and Peace, that the God of Love
and Peace may be with us.

Rom. 13. 9, 10. Lord, give us to love our Neighbour as our
selves, with that Love which is the fulfilling of

1 Pet. 1. 22. the Law; to love one another with a pure Heart

John 13. 35. fervently, that hereby all Men may know that we
are Christ's Disciples.

1 Thess. 4. 9, 10. And as we are taught of God to love one ano-
ther, give us to abound therein more and more,

Gal. 6. 10. and as we have opportunity to do good to all Men,

Rom. 12. 18. and as much as in us lies to live peaceably with
all Men; always following after the things that

—14. 19. make for Peace, and things wherewith one may
edify another.

Mat. 5. 44. Lord, make us able to love our Enemies, to
bless them that curse us; and to pray for them

that despitefully use us, and to do good to them
that hate us, forbearing one another, and forgiv-

Col. 3. 13. ing one another in Love, as Christ forgave us.

(6.) We must pray for the Grace of Self-
denial.

Mat. 16. 24. Lord, give us Grace to deny our selves, to
take up our Cross daily, and to follow Christ, to

1 Cor. 9. 27. keep under the Body, and bring it into subjection.

Lord,

Lord, keep us from being *Lovers of our own selves*, from being *wise in our own conceit*, and leaning to our own Understanding.

Lord, give us to seek not our own only, but every one his Brother's Welfare.

And grant that none of us may live to our selves, or die to our selves, but whether we live or die we may be the Lord's, and may live and die to him.

(7.) We must pray for Humility and Meekness.

Lord, give us all to learn of Christ to be meek and lowly in Heart, that we may find Rest to our Souls; and that herein the same Mind may be in us, that was also in Christ Jesus.

Lord, hide Pride from us, and clothe us with Humility, and put upon us the Ornament of a meek and quiet Spirit, which in thy sight is of great Price.

Lord, give us Grace to walk worthy of the Vocation wherewith we are called, with all Lowliness and Meekness, with long-suffering forbearing one another in Love.

Let Anger never rest in our Bosoms, nor the Sun ever go down upon our Wrath; but enable us to shew all Meekness towards all Men, because we our selves also were sometimes foolish and disobedient.

Let us be clothed as becomes the Elect of God, holy and beloved, with Bowels of Mercies, Kindness, Humbleness of Mind, Meekness, and Long-suffering; that being merciful as our Father which is in Heaven is merciful, we may be perfect as he is perfect.

Mat. 5. ult.

(8.) We must pray for the Grace of Contentment and Patience, and a holy Indifference to all the things of Sense and Time.

Lord,

Phil. 4. 11,
12.

Lord, teach us *whatsoever State we are in therewith to be content*; let us know both how to be abased, and how to abound, every where and in all things let us be instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer Need;

1 Tim. 6. 6. And let *Godliness with Contentment be great*

Prov. 15. 16. *Gain to us*; and a little with the Fear of the Lord
—17. 1. *and Quietness, is better than great Treasure and Trouble therewith.*

Heb. 13. 5.

Lord; grant that our *Conversation may be without Covetousness*, and we may always be content with such things as we have; still saying, *The Will of the Lord be done.*

Acts 21. 14.

Luke 21. 19.

Enable us in our *Patience to possess our own Souls*; and let *Patience always have its perfect Work*, that we may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Jam. 1. 4.

1 Cor. 7. 29,
30, 31.

Lord, give us *Grace to weep as tho' we wept not, and to rejoice as tho' we rejoiced not, and to buy as tho' we possessed not, and to use this World as not abusing it, because the Time is short, and the Fashion of this World passeth away.*

(9.) We must pray for the *Grace of Hope*; a Hope in God and Christ, and a Hope of Eternal Life.

Rom. 5. 4, 5.

Let *Patience work Experience in us, and Experience Hope, such a Hope as maketh not ashamed.*

—15. 4.

—8. 24.

Through Patience and Comfort of the Scriptures let us have Hope, and be saved by Hope.

Psal. 146. 5.

Let the *God of Jacob be our Help, and our Hope always be in the Lord our God.*

1 Pet. 1. 3.

Let us be begotten again to a *lively Hope by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and let that*

Heb. 6. 19, 20.

Hope be to us as an Anchor of the Soul, sure and steadfast, entering into that within the Vail, whither the Forerunner is for us enter'd.

Let us have Christ in us the Hope of Glory, Col. 1. 23, 27. and never be moved away from that Hope of the Gospel; but enable us to give Diligence unto Heb. 6. 11. the full Assurance of Hope unto the End.

6. We must pray for Grace to preserve us from Sin, and all Appearances of it and Approaches towards it.

Now we pray to God that we may do no Evil, 2 Cor. 13. 7. but may be blameless and harmless as the Children of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a Phil. 2. 15. crooked and perverse Generation.

Turn away our Eyes from beholding Vanity, Psal. 119. 37, and quicken thou us in thy Way; Remove from²⁹ us the Way of Lying, and grant us thy Law graciously.

Incline not our Hearts to any evil thing, to Psal. 141. 4. practise wicked Works with them that work Iniquity, and let us not eat of their Dainties.

O cleanse us from our secret Faults, keep back Psal. 19. 12; thy Servants also from presumptuous Sins; let¹³ not them have Dominion over us, but let us be upright and innocent from the great Transgressions, and grant that hereby we may prove our selves upright before thee, by keeping our selves from Psal. 18. 23. our own Iniquity.

Let thy Word be hid in our Hearts, that we Psal. 119. 11. may not sin against thee, and thy Grace be at all times sufficient for us, ready to us, and 2 Cor. 12. 9. mighty in us, and never give us up to our own Psal. 81. 12. Hearts Lusts, to walk in our own Counsels.

Enable us to walk circumspectly, not as Eph. 5. 15. Fools, but as wise, so circumspectly, that we may cut off Occasion from them which desire Occa- 2 Cor. 11. 12. sion to blaspheme that worthy Name by which we Jam. 3. 7. are called, and with well-doing may put to silence 1 Pet. 2. 15. the Ignorance of foolish Men, and may adorn the Doctrine of God our Saviour, in all things. Tit. 2. 10.

7. We must pray for Grace to enable us, both to govern our Tongues well, and to use them well.

Psal. 39. 1. Lord, enable us to take heed to our Ways, that we offend not with our Tongue, and to keep our Mouth as it were with a Bridle, that it may not be hasty to utter any thing.

Psal. 141. 3. Set a Watch, O Lord, before our Mouth, keep the Door of our Lips, that we may not offend in Word.

Col. 4. 6. Let our Speech be always with Grace season'd with Salt, and enable us always out of the good Treasure of our Heart to bring forth good things.

Mat. 12. 35. Let our Mouth speak Wisdom, and our Tongue talk of Judgment; and let not thy Words depart out of our Mouth, nor out of the Mouth of our Seed, or our Seed's Seed, from henceforth and for ever.

Prov. 31. 26. Enable us always to open our Mouth with Wisdom, and let the Law of Kindness be in our Tongue: Give us to know what is acceptable, that our Tongue may be as choice Silver, and our Lips may feed many.

—10. 32, 20, 21. 8. We must pray for Grace to direct and quicken us to, and to strengthen and assist us in our Duty in the whole Course of our Conversation.

Tit. 2. 11, 12, 13, 14. Let the Grace of God, which hath appeared to us, and to all Men, bringing Salvation, effectually teach us to deny all Ungodliness and worldly fleshly Lusts, and to live soberly, righteously and godly in this present World, looking for the blessed Hope, and the glorious Appearing of the Great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all Iniquity; and purify unto himself a peculiar People zealous of Good Works.

(1.) That

(1.) That we may be prudent and discreet in our Duty.

Thou hast said, *If any Man lack Wisdom*, Jam. 1. 5. *he must ask it of God, who gives to all Men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him.* Lord, we want Wisdom, make us *wise as Serpents, and harmless as Doves*, that Mat. 10. 16. *Wisdom may make our Face to shine, and may be better to us than Weapons of War.* Eccl. 8. 1. —9. 18.

Enable us to *walk in Wisdom towards them that are without, redeeming the Time.* Col. 4. 5.

Give us to *order all our Affairs with Discretion*; and to *behave our selves wisely in a perfect Way, with a perfect Heart.* Psal. 112. 5. Psal. 101. 2.

(2.) That we may be honest and sincere in our Duty.

Let our *Wisdom* be not that from beneath which is *earthly, sensual, devilish*, but *Wisdom from above, which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of Mercy and good Fruits, without Partiality, and without Hypocrisy.* Jam. 3. 15, 17.

O that we may always have our *Conversation in the World in Simplicity and godly Sincerity, not with fleshly Wisdom, but by the Grace of God.* 2 Cor. 1. 12.

Lord, uphold us in our *Integrity*, and set us before thy Face for ever, and let *Integrity and Uprightness preserve us, for we wait on thee.* Psal. 41. 12. —25. 21.

Let our *Hearts be sound in thy Statutes*, that we be not ashamed; and let our *Eye be single, that our whole Body may be full of Light.* Psal. 119. 80. Mar. 6. 22.

(3.) That we may be active and diligent in our Duty.

Lord, quicken us to *work the Works of him that sent us, while it is Day, because the Night comes wherein no Man can work; and what Good*

Ecc. 9. 10. Good our Hand finds to do, to do it with all our Might, because there is no Work or Knowledge in the Grave, whither we are going.

Rom. 12. 11. Lord, grant that we may never be slothful in any good Business, but fervent in Spirit serving the Lord; stedfast and unmoveable, always abounding in the Work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know that our Labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Gal. 4. 18. Lord, make us zealously affected in every good Work; and what we do enable us to do it heartily as unto the Lord, and not unto Men.

Col. 3. 23. Lord, enable us to do the Work of every Day in its Day, according as the Duty of the Day requires, redeeming the Time, because the Days are evil; that when our Lord comes he may find us doing.

Eph. 5. 16. Luke 12. 43. (4.) That we may be resolute and courageous in our Duty, as those that know that tho' we may be Losers for Christ, we shall not be Losers by him in the End.

2 Tim. 2. 3. Lord, teach us to endure Hardness as good Soldiers of Jesus Christ; that we may not fear the Reproach of Men, or their Revilings, nor be ashamed of Christ or of his Words, knowing whom we have believed, even one who is able to keep what we have committed to him against that Day.

Acts 20. 23, 24. Though Bonds and Afflictions should abide us, Lord, grant that none of these things may move us, and that we may not count Life it self dear to us, so we may finish our Course with Joy.

2 Cor. 6. 4, 7, 8. Enable us in all things to approve our selves to God, and then to pass by Honour and Dishonour, by evil Report and good Report, clad with the Armour of Righteousness on the Right Hand and on the Left, as those that account it a very small

small thing to be judged of Man's Judgment, for 1 Cor. 4. 3, 4. he that judgeth us is the Lord.

(5.) That we may be pleasant and cheerful in our Duty.

Lord, enable us to rejoice evermore; to rejoice in the Lord always, because he hath again said unto us, Rejoice; that we may go on our Way Rejoicing, may eat our Bread with Joy, and drink our Wine with a merry Heart, as we shall have reason to do if God now accepteth our Works.

Give us Grace to serve thee the Lord our God with Joyfulness and Gladness of Heart in the abundance of all things; And to sing in the Ways of the Lord, because great is the Glory of our God.

Let us have that Cheerfulness of Heart which doth good like a Medicine, and deliver us from that Heaviness which maketh the Heart stoop, and that Sorrow of the World which worketh Death.

(6.) That we may do the Duty of every Condition of Life, every Event of Providence, and every Relation wherein we stand.

Lord, enable us in a Day of Prosperity to be joyful, and in a Day of Adversity, to consider, because God hath set the one over against the other; to add to our Knowledge Temperance, and to Temperance Patience.

Give us Grace to abide with thee in the Calling wherein we are called; and in all our Ways to acknowledge thee, and be thou pleas'd to direct our Steps.

Let those that are called, being Servants, be the Lord's Freeman, and those that are called, being free, be Christ's Servants.

Psal. 133. 1, 3. Let all in every Relation dwell together in Unity, that it may be as the Dew of Hermon, and as the Dew that descended upon the Mountains of Zion. O that we may dwell together as Joint-heirs of the Grace of Life, that our Prayers may not be hinder'd.

1 Pet. 3. 7. Give us Grace to honour all Men, to love the Brotherhood, to fear God, and to be subject to the higher Powers, not only for Wrath, but also for Conscience sake.

Rom. 13. 1, 5. (7.) That we may be universally conscientious.

Col. 4. 12. O that we may stand perfect and compleat in all the Will of God.

Psal. 119. 5, 6. O that our Ways were directed to keep thy Commandments! And then shall we not be ashamed, when we have a respect to them all.

Psal. 119. 33, 34, 35, 36. Teach us, O Lord, the Way of thy Statutes, and we shall keep it unto the end: Give us Understanding, and we shall keep thy Law, yea we shall observe it with our whole Heart: Make us to go in the Path of thy Commandments, for therein do we delight. Incline our Hearts unto thy Testimonies, and not to Covetousness.

Eph. 3. 16, 17, 18, 19. Grant us, we pray thee, according to the Riches of thy Glory, that we may be strengthen'd with all Might by thy Spirit in the inner Man: That Christ may dwell in our Hearts by Faith, and that we being rooted and grounded in Love, may be able to comprehend with all Saints what is the Breadth, and Length, and Depth, and Height, and may know the Love of Christ which passeth Knowledge; and be fill'd with a Divine Fulness, and may partake of a Divine Nature.

2 Pet. 1. 4. And let the Love of Christ constrain us to live
2 Cor. 5. 14, 15. not to our selves, but to him that died for us, and rose again.

8. We must pray for Grace to make us wiser and better every Day than other.

Lord, give us to *increase with the Increases* of Col. 2. 19. God; to *grow in Grace, and in the Knowledge* of 2 Pet. 3. 18. our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; to *hold on our Way, and having clean Hands* to grow Job 17. 9. *stronger and stronger.*

Let our Path be as the *shining Light, which* Prov. 4. 18. *shines more and more to the perfect Day.*

We have not yet attained, nor are we already Phil. 3. 12, perfect; Lord, grant that therefore forgetting 13, 14. *the things that are behind, we may reach forth to those things that are before, for the Prize of the High Calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

Be thou as the Dew unto us, that we may Hos. 14. 5, 6. *grow as the Lilly, and cast forth our Roots as Lebanon; that our Branches may spread, and our Beauty be as the Olive-tree. And let the Sun of Righteousness arise upon us with Healing under* Mal. 4. 2. *his Wings, that we may go forth and grow up as Calves of the Stall.*

9. We must pray for effectual Support and Comfort under: ll the Crosses and Afflictions that we meet with in this World.

We know that we are born to Trouble as the Job. 5. 7, 19. *Sparks fly upward; but in six Troubles, be thou pleas'd to deliver us, and in seven let no Evil touch us.*

Let the Eternal God be our Refuge, and un- Deut. 33. 27. *derneath be the everlasting Arms; that the Spirit thou hast made may not fail before thee, nor the* Isa. 57. 16. *Soul that thou hast redeemed.*

Let us be strengthen'd with all might accord- Col. 1. 11. *ing to thy glorious Power, unto all Patience and Long-suffering with Joyfulness.*

Let thy Statutes be our Songs in the House of Psal. 119. 54. *our Pilgrimage; and let thy Testimonies, which* 111.

we have taken as a Heritage for ever, be always the rejoicing of our Hearts.

2 Cor. 4. 8. When we are troubled on every side, yet let us not be distressed, and when we are perplexed, yet let us not be in despair; but as sorrowful, and yet always rejoicing, as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

—6. 10.

10. We must pray for Grace to preserve us to the End, and to fit us for whatever lies before us betwixt and the Grave.

2 Tim. 4. 18. Lord, deliver us from every evil Work, and preserve us to thy heavenly Kingdom, being kept from falling, that we may be presented faultless at the Coming of thy Glory with exceeding Joy.

Jude 24.

1 Thess. 3. 12, 13. Lord, make us to increase and abound in Love one towards another, and towards all Men, that our Hearts may be established unblameable in Holiness, before God even our Father, at the Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his Saints.

Luke 22. 31, 32.

If Satan desire to have us that he may sift us as Wheat, yet let Christ's Intercession prevail for us, that our Faith fail not.

John 17. 15, 17.

Till we are taken out of the World, let us be kept from the Evil, and sanctified through thy Truth; thy Word is Truth.

Jude 20, 21.

Build us up, we pray thee, in our most holy Faith, and keep us in the Love of God, looking for the Mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal Life.

Psal. 116. 2.

Job 27. 5, 6.

Grant that we may continue to call upon thee as long as we live, and till we die may never remove our Integrity from us; and that our Righteousness we may hold fast, and never let it go, and our Hearts may not reproach us so long as we live.

11. We must pray for Grace to prepare us for Death, and to carry us well through our dying Moments.

Lord, make us to know our End, and the Measure of our Days what it is, that we may know and consider how frail we are; and that our Days are as a Hand Breadth, and that every Man at his best State is altogether Vanity, and our Days upon Earth are as a Shadow, and there is no abiding. Psal. 39. 4, 5. 1 Chr. 29. 15.

Lord, teach us so to number our Days, that we may apply our Hearts unto Wisdom, and make us to consider our latter End. Psal. 90. 12. Deut. 32. 29.

Lord, make us always ready, with our Loins girded about, and our Lights burning, because the Son of Man comes at an Hour that we think not. Luke 12. 35, 40.

Keep us all the Days of our appointed Time, waiting till our Change comes; and then shalt thou call, and we will answer. Job 14. 14, 15.

Bring us to our Grave as a Shock of Corn in its Season; satisfy us with Life, whether it be longer or shorter, and shew us thy Salvation. Psal. 91. ult.

And when we walk through the Vally of the Shadow of Death, be thou with us, that we may fear no Evil, let thy Rod and thy Staff comfort us. Psal. 23. 4.

Let Goodness and Mercy follow us all the Days of our Life, and let us dwell in the House of the Lord for ever. Mercy and Truth be with us. Psal. 23. 6. 2 Sam. 15. 20.

Redeem our Souls from the Power of the Grave, and receive us; Guide us by thy Counsel, and afterwards receive us to Glory. Psal. 49. 15. —73. 24.

12. We must pray for Grace to fit us for Heaven, and that we may at length be put in possession of Eternal Life.

Lord,

- Col. 1. 12. Lord, make us meet to partake of the Inheritance of the Saints in Light; let God himself work us to the self-same thing, and give us the Earnest of the Spirit in our Hearts.
- 2 Cor. 5. 5. O that we may now have our Conversation in Heaven, that we may from thence with Comfort look for the Saviour the Lord Jesus, who shall change our vile Bodies, that they may be fashioned like unto his glorious Body.
- Phil. 3. 20, 21. O that now we may set our Affections on things above, and that our Life may be hid with Christ in God, that when Christ who is our Life shall appear, we also may appear with him in Glory; that when he shall appear we may be like him, and may see him as he is, may behold his Face in Righteousness, and when we awake may be satisfied with his Likeness.
- Col. 3. 2, 3, 4. When we fail, let us be received into everlasting Habitations, in the City that hath Foundation, whose Builder and Maker is God, that we may be together for ever with the Lord, to see as we are seen, and know as we are known.
- 1 John 3. 2. And in the mean time help us to comfort our selves and one another with these Words; and having this Hope in us to purify our selves even as Christ is pure.
- Psal. 17. 15. Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, who hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting Consolation and good Hope through Grace, comfort our Hearts, and stablish us in every good Word and Work.
- Luke 16. 9. 5. We must pray for the good things of this Life, with an humble Submission to the Will of God.
- 1 Thess. 4. 17, 18. Lord, thou hast told us, that Godliness hath the Promise of the Life that now is, as well as of that which is to come; And that if we seek
- 1 Cor. 13. 12. *for*

first the Kingdom of God and the Righteousness thereof, other things shall be added to us; and therefore we cast all our Care about these things upon thee, who carest for us, for our heavenly Father knows that we have need of all these things. Mat. 6. 33. 1 Pet. 5. 7. Mat. 6. 32.

1. We must pray to be preserved from the Calamities to which we are expos'd.

Thou, Lord, art our Refuge and our Fortress, and under thy Wings will we trust, thy Truth shall be our Shield and Buckler; Let us therefore not be afraid for the Terror by Night, nor for the Arrow that flieth by Day. Having made the Lord our Refuge, and the Most High our Habitation, let no Evil befall us, nor any Plague come nigh our Dwelling. Psal. 91. 2, 4, 9, 10.

Let the Lord be our Keeper, even he that keepeth Israel, and neither slumbers nor sleeps. Let the Lord be our Shade on our Right Hand; That the Sun may not smite us by Day, nor the Moon by Night; Let the Lord preserve us from all Evil, the Lord preserve our Souls; The Lord preserve our going out and coming in, from this time forth, and even for ever more. Psal. 121. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

Lord, make a Hedge about us, about our Houses, and about all that we have round about; and take Sickness away from the midst of us. Job 1. 10. Exod. 23. 25.

2. We must pray to be supplied with the Comforts and Supports we daily stand in need of.

O that the Beauty of the Lord our God may be upon us, prosper thou the Work of our Hands upon us, yea the Work of our Hands establish thou it; Save now, we beseech thee, O Lord; O Lord, we beseech thee send now Prosperity. Psal. 90. 17. Psal. 118. 25.

Let our Sons be as Plants grown up in their Youth, and our Daughters as Corner Stones polished after.

after the similitude of a Palace : Let our Garners be full, affording all manner of Store ; And let there be no breaking in or going out ; no complaining within our Streets : Happy is the People that is in such a Case, yea rather happy is the People whose God is the Lord.

Deut. 28. 3, 5, 6. Let us be blessed in the City, and blessed in the Field, let our Basket and our Store be blessed, let us be blessed when we come in, and when we go out.

Rom. 8. 28. Let thy good Providence so order all Events concerning us, as that they may be made to work for good to us, as thou hast promised they shall to all that love thee and are called according to thy Purpose.

Psal. 37. 3, 6. Give us to trust in the Lord and do good, and then we shall dwell in the Land, and verily we shall be fed ; and be thou pleas'd to bring forth our Righteousness as the Light, and our Judgment as the Noon Day.

Job 5. 21, 23, 24. Let us be hid from the Scourge of the Tongue, and not be afraid of Destruction when it cometh ; let us be in League with the Stones of the Field, and let the Beasts of the Field be at Peace with us ; let us know that our Tabernacle is in Peace, and let us visit our Habitation, and not sin.

Gen. 28. 20, 21. And if God will be with us, and will keep us in the Way that we go, during our Pilgrimage in this World, and will give us Bread to eat, and Raiment to put on, so that we may come to our heavenly Father's House in Peace, then the Lord shall be our God.

6. We must plead the Promises of God for the enforcing of all our Petitions, put these Promises in suit, and refer our selves to them.

Lord,

Lord, thou hast given us many exceeding ^{2 Pet. 1. 4.} great and precious Promises, which are all yea and Amen in Christ. Now be it unto thy Ser- ^{2 Cor. 1. 20.} vants according to the Word which thou hast ^{Luke 1. 38.} spoken.

Give us to draw Water with Joy out of those ^{Isa. 12. 3.} Wells of Salvation, to suck and be satisfied from ^{—66. 11.} those Breasts of Consolation; And now, O Lord God, let the Word which thou hast spoken concern- ^{2 Sam. 7. 25.} ing thy Servants be established for ever, and do as thou hast said.

Deal with us according to the Tenor of the everlasting Covenant, which is well order'd ^{2 Sam. 23. 5.} in all things and sure, and which is all our Salvation, and all our Desire.

Look upon us and be merciful to us, as thou ^{Pf. 110. 132.} usest to do unto those that love thy Name, and do more for us than we are able to ask or think, and ^{Eph. 3. 20.} supply all our Needs according to thy Riches in ^{Phil. 4. 19.} Glory by Christ Jesus.

C H A P. IV.

Of the fourth Part of Prayer, which is Thanksgiving for the Mercies we have received from God, and the many Favours of his we are interested in, and have and hope for Benefit by.

OUR Errand at the Throne of Grace is not only to seek the Favour of God, but to give unto him the Glory due unto his Name, and that not only by an awful Adoration of his infinite Perfections,

otions, but by a grateful Acknowledgment of his Goodness to us, which cannot indeed add any thing to his Glory, but he is pleased to accept of it, and to reckon himself glorified by it, if it come from a Heart that's humbly sensible of its own Unworthiness to receive any Favour from God, that values the Gifts, and loves the Giver of them.

1. We must stir up our selves to praise God, with the Consideration both of the Reason and of the Encouragement we have to praise him.

Psal. 75. 1. Unto thee; O God; do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks; for that thy Name is near thy wondrous Works declare.

Psal. 103. 1, 2. Let our Souls bless the Lord, and let all that is within us bless his Holy Name; yea, let our Souls bless the Lord, and not forget any of his Benefits.

Psal. 147. 1. We will praise the Lord, for it is good; it is pleasant, and Praise is comely for the Upright;

Psal. 92. 1, 2. yea it is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing Praises unto thy Name; O most High; to shew forth thy Loving-kindness in the Morning; and thy Faithfulness every Night.

Psal. 145. 1, 2, 7. We will extol thee our God, O King, and will bless thy Name for ever and ever; Every Day will we bless thee, and will praise thy Name for ever and ever; we will abundantly utter the Memory of thy great Goodness; and sing of thy Righteousness.

Psal. 149. 1, 2, 5, 6. We will sing unto the Lord a new Song; and his Praise in the Congregation of Saints; O let Israel rejoice in him that made him, let the Children of Zion be joyful in their King; Let the Saints be joyful in Glory, and let the high Praises of God be in their Hearts, and in their Mouths.

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While we live we will bless the Lord, and Psal. 146. 2.
will sing Praises unto our God while we have any
Being; and when we have no Being on
Earth, we hope to have a Being in Heaven
to be doing it better.

We are here through Jesus Christ to offer
the Sacrifice of Praise to thee, which we desire Heb. 13. 15.
to do continually, that is the Fruit of our Lips,
giving Thanks to thy Name. And thou hast
said that he that offers Praise glorifies thee, and Psal. 50. ult.
that this also shall please the Lord better than an —69. 31.
Ox or Bullock that hath Horns and Hoofs.

We will mention the Loving-kindnesses of the Isa. 63. 7.
Lord, and the Praises of the Lord, according to
all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the
great Goodness towards the House of Israel which
he hath bestow'd on them; according to his Mer-
cies, and according to the Multitude of his loving
Kindnesses.

2. We must be particular in our Thank-
givings to God, (1.) For the Discoveries
which he has made to us in his Word of the
Goodness of his Nature.

We give thanks unto the God of Gods, unto Psal. 135. 2, 3.
the Lord of Lords, for his Mercy endures for
ever.

Thy Goodness is thy Glory, and 'tis that for Exod. 33. 19.
which all thy Works do praise thee, and thy Psal. 145. 10.
Saints do bless thee.

Thou art gracious and full of Compassion, Psal. 145. 8.
slow to Anger, and of great Mercy, and hast
told us that thou dost not afflict willingly, or
grieve the Children of Men, but tho' thou cause Lam. 3. 32, 33.
Grief, yet thou wilt have Compassion, according
to the Multitude of thy Mercies.

Thou takest pleasure in them that fear thee, in Psal. 147. 11.
them that hope in thy Mercy:

2. For

(2.) For the many Instances of his Goodness.

1. The Goodness of his Providence relating to our Bodies, and the Life that now is; and this,

1st. With reference to all the Creatures, and the World of Mankind, in general.

Pfal. 104. 2. Thou hast stretched out the Heavens like a Curtain, and in them hast thou set a Tabernacle

—19. 4, 5. for the Sun, which is as a Bridegroom coming out of his Chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong Man to

Mat. 5. 45. run a Race. And thou causest thy Sun to shine on the Evil and on the Good, and sendest Rain on the Just and on the Unjust.

Pfal. 8. 3, 4. When we consider the Heavens the Work of thy Fingers, the Sun, the Moon, and the Stars which thou hast ordained, Lord, what is Man that

Eccl. 11. 7. thou thus visitest him? For truly the Light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the Eyes

Jam. 1. 17. to behold the Sun: All the Glory be to the Father of Lights, who commandeth the Morning,

Job 38. 12. and causeth the Day-spring to know his place.

Acts 14. 17. Thou didst not leave thy self without witness among the Heathen, in that thou didst good, and gavest them Rain from Heaven, and fruitful Seasons, filling their Hearts with Food and Gladness.

Pfal. 147. 8, 9. Thou coverest the Heavens with Clouds, and preparest Rain for the Earth, and makest Grass to grow upon the Mountains: Thou givest to the Beast his Food, and to the young Ravens which cry.

Job 38. 26, 27. Thou causest it to rain on the Wilderness where there is no Man, to satisfy the desolate and waste Ground.

Pfal. 65. 9, 10, 11. Thou visitest the Earth and waterest it, thou greatly enrichest it with the River of God, which

is full of Water; thou preparest them Corn when thou hast so provided for it: Thou waterest the Ridges thereof abundantly, thou settlest the Furrows thereof, thou makest it soft with Showers, thou blessest the Springing thereof; Thou crownest the Year with thy Goodness, and thy Paths drop Fatness.

Thou sendest the Springs into the Vallies which Pl. 104. 10, run among the Hills; and they give Drink to every 11, 12. Beast of the Field; and by them the Fowls of the Heaven have their Habitation, which sing among the Branches.

Thou hast laid the Foundations of the Earth, Pl. 104. 5, 9. that it should not be removed for ever, and settest Bounds to the Waters of the Sea, that they turn not again to cover the Earth; Thou hast shut up the Sea with Doors, and broken up for it thy decreed Place, saying, Hitherto shalt thou come but no further, here shall thy proud Waves be staid. Job 38. 8, 11. And thou hast made good what thou hast sworn, that the Waters of Noah should no more Isa: 54. 9. go over the Earth.

Thy Covenant of the Day and of the Night is Jer. 33. 20. not broken, but still thou givest the Sun for a —31. 35. Light by Day, and the Ordinances of the Moon and of the Stars for a Light by Night; and art faithful to that Covenant of Providence, that while the Earth remains, Seed-time and Harvest, Gen. 8. 22: Cold and Heat, Summer and Winter, Day and Night shall not cease.

The Heaven, even the Heavens are thine, but Psal. 115. 16. the Earth thou hast given to the Children of Men; and thou hast put all things under their Feet, Psal. 8. 6: and made them to have Dominion over the Works of thy Hands; so that the Fear of Man and the Gen: 9. 2. Dread of Man is upon every Beast of the Earth, and upon the Fowl of the Air, and into his Hand

they are delivered, because thou hadst a Favour
 Prov. 8. 31. to him, and thy Delights were with the Sons
 of Men.

Psal. 104. 14,
 15. Thou causest the Grass to grow for the Cattle,
 and Herb for the Service of Man, that thou
 may'st bring forth Food out of the Earth; Wine
 that makes glad the Heart of Man, and Oil to
 make his Face to shine, and Bread which streng-
 thens Man's Heart.

Acts 17. 25. Thou givest to all Life and Breath and all
 Psal. 119. 64. things, and the Earth, O Lord, is full of thy
 Mercy.

Psal. 104. 27,
 28, 30, 31. All the Creatures wait upon thee, that thou
 may'st give them their Meat in due season; That
 thou givest them they gather, thou openest thy
 Hand, they are filled with Good: Thou sendest
 forth thy Spirit they are created, thou renewest the
 Face of the Earth. This thy Glory shall endure
 for ever, and thou rejoicest in these Works.

It is through thy Goodness, O Lord, that
 Eccl. 1. 4. as one Generation of Mankind passeth away, ano-
 ther Generation comes, and that thou hast not
 Deut. 19. 20. blotted out the Name of that corrupt and guilty
 Race from under Heaven.

2dly. With reference to us in particular.

(1.) We must give Thanks that he hath
 made us reasonable Creatures, capable of
 knowing, loving, serving and enjoying him,
 and that he hath not made us as the Beasts
 that perish.

Psal. 139. 14. We will praise thee, for we are fearfully and
 wonderfully made, and that our Souls, our
 nobler Part, know right well; for what Man
 E Cor. 2. 11. knows the things of a Man; save the Spirit of
 Man which is in him?

Thou hast made us of that Rank of Beings
 Psal. 8. 5. which is little lower than the Angels, and is
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crowned with Glory and Honour ; For there is a Spirit in Man, and the Inspiration of the Almighty giveth them Understanding. And the Spirit of a Man is the Candle of the Lord. Job 32. 8. Prov. 20. 27.

Our Bodies are capable of being² the Temples of the Holy Ghost, and our Souls of having the Spirit of God dwell in them ; we therefore glorify thee with our Bodies, and with our Spirits, which are thine. 1 Cor. 6. 19, 20. — 3. 15.

Thou, Lord, hast formed us for thy self, that we might shew forth thy Praise. Isa. 43. 21.

(2.) We must give Thanks for our Preservation, that our Lives are prolong'd, and that the Use of our Reason and Understanding, our Limbs and Senses, is continu'd to us.

It was owing to thy good Providence that we died not from the Womb, and did not give up the Ghost when we came out of the Belly, that the Knees prevented us, and the Breasts that we should suck. Job 3. 11, 12.

Tho' we were called Transgressors from the Womb, yet by thy Power we have been born from the Belly, and carried from the Womb ; and thou holdest our Souls in Life, and sufferest not our Foot to be moved. Isa. 48. 8. — 46. 3. Psal. 66. 9.

All our Bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto thee, for thou keepest all our Bones, not one of them is broken. Psal. 35. 10. — 34. 20.

We lay us down and sleep, for thou, Lord, makest us to dwell in Safety. Psal. 3. 5.

Thou hast given thine Angels a Charge concerning us, to keep us in all our Ways, to bear us in their Hands, lest we dash our Foot against Stone. And they are all ministring Spirits sent forth to minister for the good of them that shall be heirs of Salvation. Psal. 91. 11, 12. Heb. 1. 14.

(3.) For signal Recoveries from Danger by Sickness, or otherwise.

When perhaps there has been but a Step
 1 Sam. 20. 3. *between us and Death, and we have received a*
 2 Cor. 1. 9. *Sentence of Death within our selves, and have*
 Isa. 38. 10, 17. *been ready to say in the cutting off of our Days*
we should go to the Gates of the Grave, and were
depriv'd of the residue of our Years, yet thou hast
in love to our Souls deliver'd them from the Pit of
Corruption, and cast all our Sins behind thy Back.

When the Sorrows of Death have compassed
 us, and the Pains of Hell have got hold upon us,
 we have call'd upon the Name of the Lord, and
 have found that gracious is the Lord and right-
 eous, yea, our God is merciful; we have been
 brought low and he hath helped us, and hath de-
 liver'd our Souls from Death, our Eyes from Tears,
 and our Feet from falling. We will therefore
 walk before the Lord in the Land of the Living.

(4.) For the Supports and Comforts of
 this Life, which have hitherto made the
 Land of our Pilgrimage easy and pleasant
 to us.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with
 his Benefits, even the God of our Salvation.

Thou makest us to lie down in green Pastures,
 thou feedest us beside the still Waters: Thou pre-
 parest a Table for us in the Presence of our Enemies;
 thou anointest our Head, and our Cup runs over.

It may be we were sent forth without Purse
 or Scrip, but lacked we any thing? Nothing,
 Lord.

The Candle of God hath shin'd upon our Head,
 and by his Light we have walked through Dark-
 ness, and the Secret of God has been in our Ta-
 bernacle.

Thou hast given us all things richly to enjoy, 1 Tim. 6. 17.
and into our Hands hast brought plentifully. Job 12. 6.

Many a time we have eaten and been filled, Neh. 9. 25.
and have delighted our selves in thy great
Goodness.

When we remember all the Way which the Deut. 8. 2.
Lord our God hath led us for so many Years in
this Wilderness, we must here set up a Stone and
call it Eben-ezer, for hitherto the Lord hath 1 Sam. 7. 12.
helped us.

(5.) For Success in our Callings and Af-
fairs, Comfort in Relations, and comfortable
Places of Abode.

It is God that girdeth us with Strength, and Psal. 18. 32.
maketh our Way perfect; that hath blessed the
Work of our Hands, and it may be so as that Job 1. 10.
tho' our Beginning was small, yet our latter End —8. 7.
hath greatly increased.

Our Houses have been safe from Fear, and Job 21. 9.
there hath been no Rod of God upon us; so that
the Voice of Rejoicing and Salvation hath been in Psal. 118. 15.
our Tabernacle from Day to Day.

With our Staff it may be we have passed over Gen. 32. 10.
this Jordan, and now we are become two Bands;
and 'tis God that setteth the Solitary in Families. Psal. 68. 6.

If we have lived joyfully with our Relati- Eccl. 9. 9.
ons, and they have been to us as the loving
Hind and as the pleasant Roe, we must give thee Prov. 5. 19.
Thanks for it; for every Creature is that to
us, and no more, that thou makest it to be.

6. For our Share in the publick Plenty,
Peace, and Tranquility.

When we have eaten and are full, we have Deut. 8. 10.
reason to bless thee for the good Land which thou
hast given us: A Land which the Eyes of the Lord —11. 12.
our God are always upon, from the beginning of
the Year even to the end of the Year.

Psal. 147. 14. *Thou makest Peace in our Borders, and fillest us with the finest of the Wheat : We are deliver'd from the Noise of Archers at the Places of drawing Water ; there therefore will we rehearse the righteous Acts of the Lord, even his righteous Acts towards the Inhabitants of his Villages.*

Rom. 14. 4. *We thank thee that the Powers that are set over us are Ministers of God to us for Good, that they seek the Welfare of our People, speaking Peace to all their Seed.*

2. The Goodness of his Grace relating to our Souls, and the Life that is to come.

Eph. 1. 3. *But especially blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual Blessings in heavenly things in Christ.*

1st. We must give God Thanks for his Kindness to the Children of Men relating to their better part and their future State, and his Favours to the Church in general.

(1.) We must give Thanks for the gracious Design and Contrivance of Man's Redemption and Salvation, when he was lost and undone by Sin.

Tit. 3. 4, 5. *O how wonderfully did the Kindness and Love of God our Saviour towards Man appear, not by any Works of Righteousness, which he had done, but according to his Mercy he saved us :*

Hos. 13. 9. *We had destroy'd our selves, but in thee, and thee only was our Help.*

Ezek. 16. 5, 6, 8. *When we were cast out in the open Field, and no Eye pitied us, thou sawest us polluted in our own Blood, and thou saidst unto us, Live ; yea, thou saidst unto us, Live ; and the Time was a Time of Love.*

Psal. 49. 7, 8. *When the Redemption of the Soul was so precious, as that it must have ceased for ever, and*

no Man could by any Means redeem his Brother, or give to God a Ransom for him, then thou wast pleas'd to find a Ransom, that we might be deliver'd from going down to the Pit. Job 33. 24.

When we must needs die, and were as Water spilt upon the Ground, which cannot be gather'd up again, then didst thou devise Means that the Banished might not be for ever expelled from thee. 2 Sam. 14. 14.

When thou sparedst not the Angels that sinned, but didst cast them down to Hell, thou said'st concerning the Race of Mankind, Destroy it, not for a Blessing is in it. Isa. 65. 8.

Herein appears the Wisdom of God in a Mystery, even the hidden Wisdom which God ordain'd before the World for our Glory. 1 Cor. 2. 7.

(2.) For the Eternal Purposes and Counsels of God concerning Man's Redemption.

We are bound to give Thanks always to thee, O God, because thou hast from the beginning chosen some to Salvation through Sanctification of the Spirit: That there is a Remnant according to the Election of Grace, whom God hath chosen in Christ before the Foundation of the World; that they should be holy and without blame before thee in Love, having predestinated them to the Adoption of Children, by Jesus Christ unto thy self, according to the good pleasure of thy Will, to the praise of the Glory of thy Grace. 2 Thess. 2. 13. Rom. 11. 5. Eph. 1. 4, 5, 6.

Thine they were, and thou gavest them to Christ, and this is thy Will, that of all that thou hast given him he should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last Day. John. 17. 6. —6. 37.

(3.) For the appointing of the Redeemer, and God's gracious Condescension to deal with Man upon new Terms, receding from the Demands of the broken Covenant of Innocency.

Heb. 10. 5,
6, 7.

We bless thee that when Sacrifice and Offering thou would'st not, and in it hadst no pleasure, that then the Eternal Son of God said, Lo I come to do thy Will, O God, and a Body hast thou prepared me: And that as in the Volume of the Book it was written of him, he did delight to do thy Will, O God, yea, thy Law was within his Heart.

Psal. 89. 19,
20, 21, 27.

Thou hast laid Help upon one that is mighty, one chosen out of the People: Thou hast found David thy Servant with thy holy Oil, thou hast anointed him, even with the Oil of Gladness above his Fellows, and didst promise that with him thy Hand should be established, and thy Arm should strengthen him, and that thou would'st make him thy First-born, higher than the Kings of the Earth.

Psal. 40. 7.

John 5. 22,
26, 27.

We bless thee that the Father now judgeth no Man, but hath committed all Judgment to the Son: That as he has Life in himself, so he hath given to the Son to have Life in himself, and hath given him Authority to execute Judgment also, because he is the Son of Man: That the Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his Hand. And that the Counsel of Peace is between them both.

John 3. 35.

Zech. 6. 13.

Isa. 42. 1.

Mat. 17. 5.

Isa. 49. 8.

Rom. 6. 14.

John 3. 16.

That he is thy Servant whom thou dost uphold, thine Elect in whom thy Soul delighteth: Thy beloved Son in whom thou art well pleased: That thou hast given him for a Covenant of the People, and that through him we are not under the Law, but under Grace.

That God so loved the World, as to give his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting Life.

(4.) For the early and antient Indications of this gracious Design concerning fallen Man.

We

We bless thee, that as soon as ever Man had sin'd, it was graciously promis'd that the Seed of the Woman should break the Serpent's Head; and that in the Old Testament Sacrifices Jesus Christ was the Lamb slain from the Foundation of the World. Gen. 3. 15. Rev. 13. 8.

And that by Faith the Elders, tho' they received not the Promise, yet obtained a good Report, for they obtained Witness that they were righteous. Heb. 11. 2, 4, 39.

We bless thee for the Promise made to Abraham, that in his Seed all the Families of the Earth should be blessed, and to Jacob that the Shiloh should come, and to him should the gathering of the People be: And that the Patriarchs rejoiced to see Christ's Day, and they saw it and were glad. Gen. 12. 3. —49. 10. John 8. 56.

(5.) For the many glorious Instances of God's Favour to the Old Testament Church.

We adore that Wisdom, Peace and Goodness with which thou broughtest the Vine out of Egypt, didst cast out the Heathen and plant it; thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the Land. Psal. 80. 8, 9.

And they got not the Land in possession by their own Sword, neither did their own Arm save them, but thy Right Hand, and thine Arm, and the Light of thy Countenance, because thou hadst a Favour to them. Psal. 44. 3. —136. 10, &c.

We bless thee that to the Jews were committed the Oracles of God; that they had the Adoption, and the Glory, and the Covenants, the giving of the Law, and the Service of God, and the Promises: And that there did not fail one Word of all thy good Promise, which thou promisedst by the Hand of Moses thy Servant. Rom. 3. 2. —9. 4. 1 Kings 8. 56.

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Heb. i. 1. We bless thee for all that which thou didst at sundry times and in divers manners speak in time past unto the Fathers by the Prophets, those

2 Pet. i. 21. holy Men of God, who spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, and prophesied of the Grace

1 Pet. i. 10, 11, 12. that should come unto us, testifying beforehand the Sufferings of Christ, and the Glory that should follow, and that not to themselves only, but to us they minister'd those great things, things which the Angels themselves desire to look into.

Heb. ii. 40. And especially we bless thee that thou hast provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

(6.) For the wonderful and mysterious Incarnation of the Son of God, and his coming into the World.

Gal. 4. 4. We bless thee that when the Fulness of Time was come, thou didst send forth thy Son made of a Woman, made under the Law, to redeem them that were under the Law, that we might receive the Adoption of Sons.

John i. 14. That the Eternal Word was made Flesh, and dwelt among us, and there were those who saw his Glory, the Glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of Grace and Truth. And without Controversy great is the Mystery of Godliness, that God was manifested in the Flesh.

John 18. 37. We bless thee that to this end he was born, and for this cause he came into the World, that he might bear witness of the Truth, and we believe

John 6. 69. and are sure, that he is that Christ, the Son of the living God; that it is he that should come,

Mat. 11. 3. and we are to look for no other.

We bless thee that the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost; that he is come that we might have Life, and that we

John 10. 10. might have it more abundantly, and that for this

purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the Works of the Devil. ¹ John 3. 8.

Lord, we receive it as a faithful Saying, ¹ Tim. 1. 15. and well worthy of all Acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the World to save Sinners, even the chief.

We bless thee that forasmuch as the Children ^{Heb. 2. 11,} are Partakers of Flesh and Blood, he also himself ^{14, 16, 17.} likewise took part of the same: That he took not on him the Nature of Angels, but our Nature, and was in all things made like unto his Brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful High Priest, in things pertaining to God, to make Reconciliation for the Sins of the People; and that he is not ashamed to call them Brethren.

And that the first begotten was brought into ^{Heb. 1. 6.} the World with a Charge given to all the Angels of God to worship him.

(7.) For God's gracious owning of him in his Undertaking, and in the carrying of it on.

We bless thee that thou wast in Christ ² Cor. 5. 19. reconciling the World to thy self, not imputing their Trespases unto them, and that thou hast committed unto us the Word of Reconciliation.

That thou hast thy self given him for a Witness ^{Isa. 55. 4.} to the People, a Leader and Commander to the People. That he was sanctified and seal'd ^{John 10. 36.} and sent into the World, and that the Father ^{—8. 29.} which sent him did not leave him alone, for he always did those things that pleas'd him.

Glory be to God in the highest, for in and ^{Luke 2. 14.} through Jesus Christ there is on Earth Peace, and Good-will towards Men.

In this was manifested the Love of God towards us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the World, that we might live thro' him.

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John 17. 2. We thank thee for the Power thou hast given him over all Flesh, that he should give Eternal Life to as many as were given him.

(8.) For his Holy Life, his Excellent Doctrine, and the Glorious Miracles he wrought to confirm his Doctrine.

John 3. 2. We bless thee for the Assurance we have that he is a Teacher come from God, since no Man could do those Miracles which he did, except God were with him.

Heb. 1. 2. That thou hast in these last Days spoken unto us by thy Son, whose Doctrine was not his, but his that sent him, and he spake as one having Authority, and that we are encourag'd to come and learn of him, because he is meek and lowly in Heart, and in learning of him we shall find rest to our Souls.

1 Pet. 2. 21, 22, 23. We bless thee that he hath left us an Example, that we should follow his Steps, in that he did no Sin, neither was Guile found in his Mouth, and when he was reviled, he reviled not again; and his Meat and Drink was to do the Will of his Father; in that he was holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from Sinners. O that we may be arm'd with the same Mind, and that as he was so we may be in this World; and that we may so walk even as he walked.

John 4. 34. We bless thee that the Works which he did, Heb. 7. 26. the same bore witness of him that the Father had sent him, that by his Power the Blind received their Sight, the Lame walked, the Lepers were cleansed, the Deaf heard, the Dead were raised up, and the Poor had the Gospel preached to them; 1 Pet. 4. 1. and even the Winds and the Sea obey'd him; for 1 John 4. 17. which we glorify the God of Israel. Doubtless this was the Son of God.

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—15. 31.

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(9.) For

(9.) For the great Encouragements Christ gave to poor Sinners to come to him.

We bless thee that Jesus Christ *came to call, not the Righteous, but Sinners* (such as we are) *Mat. 9. 6, 13. to Repentance, and had Power on Earth to forgive Sin; that he came to save his People from their Sins; and is the Lamb of God that takes away the Sin of the World, and that he is (to his Honour, not to his Reproach) a Friend to Publicans and Sinners.* —*1. 21. John 1. 29. Mat. 11. 19.*

We thank thee for the gracious Invitation he gave to those who are *wearry and heavy laden, to come to him for Rest: And for the Assurance he hath given that whosoever comes un-* *John 6. 37. to him he will in no wise cast out.*

That he made a gracious Offer, that *whosoever thirsts might come unto him and drink.* *John 7. 37.*

(10.) For the full Satisfaction which he made to the Justice of God for the Sin of Man by the Blood of his Cross, for the Purchases, Victories, and Triumphs of the Cross, and for all the precious Benefits which flow to us from the dying of the Lord Jesus.

Herein indeed God *commendeth his Love to us, in that while we were yet Sinners Christ died for us, that we might be reconciled to him by the Death of his Son. Herein is Love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the Propitiation for our Sins, and not for ours only, but for the Sins of the whole World; that he tasted Death for every Man, that through Death he might destroy him that had the Power of Death, that is, the Devil.* *Rom. 5. 8. 1 John 4. 10. —2. 2. Heb. 2. 9, 14.*

We bless thee, that *by one Offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified, that he hath finished Transgression, made an end of Sin,* *Heb. 10. 14. Dan. 9. 24. made*

made reconciliation for Iniquity, and hath brought in an everlasting Righteousness.

Gal. 3. 13. That he hath redeemed us from the Curse of the Law, by being made a Curse for us.

Rom. 8. 3. That what the Law could not do, in that it was weak through the Flesh, God hath done by sending his own Son in the Likeness of sinful Flesh, who by a Sacrifice for Sin condemned Sin in the Flesh.

Isa. 53. 5, 6, 10. That he was wounded for our Transgressions, and bruised for our Iniquities, and that the Chastisement of our Peace was upon him, and by his Stripes we are healed; and that the Lord having laid upon him the Iniquity of us all, it pleased the Lord to bruise him, and put him to grief.

Heb. 9. 12, 14, 26. That appearing to put away Sin by the sacrifice of himself, he did by the Eternal Spirit offer himself without spot unto God, and by his own Blood enter'd in once into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal Redemption for us.

Col. 2. 14, 15. That he hath spoiled Principalities and Powers, and made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in his Cross, and hath blotted out the Hand-writing of Ordinances which was against us, which was contrary to us, taking it out of the way by nailing it to his Cross.

Eph. 2. 14, 15, 16. That he is our Peace, who having broken down the middle Wall of Partition-between Jew and Gentile, hath made himself of twain one new Man, hath reconciled both unto God in one Body by the Cross, having slain the Enmity thereby.

Rev. 1. 5, 6. That he hath loved us, and washed us from our Sins in his own Blood, and hath made us unto our God Kings and Priests.

Eph. 3. 19. O the Height, and Depth, and Length, and Breadth of that Love of Christ which passeth Know-

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Knowledge; that great Love wherewith he loved us. Eph. 2. 4.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive Power, and Riches, and Wisdom, and Strength, and Honour, and Glory, and Blessing; for he was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by his Blood. Rev. 5. 9, 12.

(11.) For his Resurrection from the Dead on the third Day.

We thank thee that as he was deliver'd for our Offences, so he rose again for our Justification, and was declar'd to be the Son of God with Power by the Resurrection from the Dead. Rom. 4. ult. Rom. 1. 4.

That tho' he was dead, yet he is alive, and lives for evermore, and hath the Keys of Hell and Death, and being raised from the Dead, he dies no more, Death has no more Dominion over him. Rev. 1. 18. Rom. 6. 9.

That now is Christ risen from the Dead, and is become the First Fruits of them that slept, that as in Adam all dy'd, so in Christ all might be made alive, and everyone in his own Order. 1 Cor. 15. 20, 22.

That God suffer'd not his Holy one to see Corruption, but loosed the Pains of Death, because it was impossible he should be holden of them, and so declar'd to all the House of Israel, that that same Jesus whom they crucified, is both Lord and Christ. Acts 2. 24, 31, 36.

And that for this end Christ both died and rose and revived, that he might be Lord both of the Dead and Living, and that whether we wake or sleep, we might live together with him. Rom. 14. 9. 1 Thess. 5. 10.

(12.) For his Ascension into Heaven, and his sitting at God's Right Hand there.

We bless thee that our Lord Jesus is ascended to his Father and our Father, to his God and our God; is ascended up on high, having led Captivity Captive, and hath received Gifts for Men, yea,

yea, even for the *Rebellious* also, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

Heb. 6. 20. That as the *Fore-runner* he is for us enter'd ;
 —9. 24. enter'd into Heaven it self now to appear in the
 Rev. 5. 6. Presence of God for us, a Lamb as it had been
 slain standing in the midst of the Throne.

Heb. 8. 1. That he is set on the *Right Hand* of the
 Throne of the Majesty in the Heavens, Angels,
 1 Pet. 3. 22. and Authorities, and Powers being made subject
 to him.

John 14. 2,3. That he is gone before to prepare a Place for us
 in his Father's House, where there are many
 —13. 36. Mansions ; and tho' whither he is gone we can-
 not follow him now, yet we hope to follow him
 hereafter, when he shall come again to receive
 us to himself, that where he is there we may
 be also.

(13.) For the *Intercession* which he ever
 lives to make in the virtue of his Satis-
 faction.

Isa. 53. 12. We thank thee that having born the Sins of
 many, he makes *intercession* for Transgressors ;
 and prays not for those only that were given
 John 17. 20, him when he was upon Earth, but for all that
 21. shall believe on him through their Word ; That
 they all may be one.

1 John 2. 1. That we have an *Advocate* with the Father,
 even Jesus Christ the Righteous, who is therefore
 able to save to the uttermost all those that come to
 Heb. 7. 25. God as a Father by him as Mediator, seeing he
 ever lives making *intercession*.

Heb. 5. 1,2,9. That we have a *High Priest* taken from a-
 mong Men, and ordained for Men in things per-
 taining to God, that he may offer both Gifts and
 Sacrifice for Sin, who can have compassion on the
 Ignorant, and on them that are out of the way,
 and that he is become the Author of eternal
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Salvation to all them that obey him.

(14.) For the Dominion and Sovereignty to which the Redeemer is exalted.

We thank thee that because our Lord Jesus humbled himself, and became obedient unto Death, Phil. 2. 8, 9, even the Death of the Cross, therefore God hath 10. highly exalted him, and given him a Name above every Name, that in the Name of Jesus every Knee might bow, and every Tongue confess (as we do at this time) that Jesus Christ is Lord to the Glory of God the Father.

That all Power is given unto him both in Hea- Mat. 23. 18. ven and in Earth, that thou hast set him over the Works of thy Hands, and hast put all things in subjection under his Feet, and so hast crown'd Heb. 2. 7, 8, him with Glory and Honour. 9.

That he is King of Kings and Lord of Lords; Rev. 19. 16. that the Antient of Days hath given him Dominion and Glory and a Kingdom, an everlasting Dan. 7. 14. Dominion, and a Kingdom which shall not be destroy'd.

That the Government is upon his Shoulders, Isa. 9. 6, 7. and that his Name is called wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace; And of the Increase of his Government and Peace there shall be no end.

That thou hast set him as King upon thy holy Psal. 2. 6. Hill of Zion, and that he shall reign over the Luke 1. 33. House of Jacob for ever, shall reign till he has put down all opposing Rule, Principality and 1 Cor. 15. 24, Power, till all his Enemies are made his Footstool; 25, 28. and then he shall deliver up the Kingdom to God, even the Father, that God may be all in all.

(15.) For the Assurance we have of his second coming to judge the World:

Acts 17. 31.

We bless thee that thou hast appointed a Day in which thou wilt judge the World in Righteousness, by that Man whom thou hast ordained, whereof thou hast given Assurance unto all Men, in that thou hast raised him from the Dead.

2 Theff. 1. 7,
8, 10.

That in that Day the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven with his mighty Angels in flaming Fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ : And shall come to be glorified in his Saints, and admir'd in all them that believe ; for them that sleep in Jesus he will bring with him.

1 Theff. 4. 14.

with him.

Mat. 13. 41,
44.

That he shall then send forth his Angels to gather out of his Kingdom all things that offend, and them which do Iniquity, and to gather together his Elect from the four Winds, and then shall the Righteous shine forth as the Sun in the Kingdom of their Father.

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the Righteous shine forth as the Sun in the Kingdom of their Father.

2 Pet. 3. 13,
14.

And we then, according to thy Promise, look for new Heavens, and a new Earth, wherein dwells Righteousness : Lord, grant that seeing we look for such things, we may give diligence to be found of him in Peace without spot and blameless : And then come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.

Rev. 22. 20.

And then come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.

(16.) For the sending of the Holy Spirit to supply the want of Christ's bodily Presence, to carry on his Undertaking, and to prepare things for his second coming.

John 14. 16,
17.

We bless thee that when our Lord Jesus went away he sent us another Comforter to abide with us for ever, even the Spirit of Truth, who shall glorify the Son, for he shall take of his, and shall shew it unto us.

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shall glorify the Son, for he shall take of his, and shall shew it unto us.

Acts 2. 33.

That being by the Right Hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the Promise of
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the Holy Ghost, he pour'd it forth as Rivers of *John 7. 38.*
living Water.

Blessed be God for the *Signs and Wonders, Heb. 2. 4.*
 and *divers Miracles, and Gifts of the Holy*
Ghost, with which God bare witness to the
great Salvation.

And blessed be God for the Promise, that
 as earthly Parents, tho' evil, know how to give *Luke 11. 13.*
 good Gifts to their Children, so our Heavenly Fa-
 ther will give the Holy Spirit to them that ask
 him, that Holy Spirit of Promise, which is the *Eph. 1. 13,*
 Earnest of our Inheritance until the Redemption of *14.*
 the purchased Possession.

(17.) For the Covenant of Grace made
 with us in Jesus Christ, and all the exceed-
 ing great and precious Privileges of that Co-
 venant, and for the Seals of it.

We thank thee that in Jesus Christ thou
 hast made an everlasting Covenant with us, even *1 a. 55. 3.*
 the sure Mercies of David, and that tho' the
 Mountains may depart, and the Hills be removed, — *54. 10.*
 yet this Covenant of thy Peace shall never be re-
 moved.

That thou hast given unto us exceeding great *2 Pet. 1. 4.*
 and precious Promises, that by these we might be
 Partakers of a Divine Nature: and that Jesus
 Christ is the Mediator of this better Covenant, *Heb. 8. 6.*
 which is established upon better Promises.

That tho' thou chasten our Transgression with *Psal. 89. 32,*
 the Rod, and our Iniquity with Stripes, yet thy *33, 34.*
 loving Kindness thou wilt not utterly take away,
 nor cause thy Faithfulness to fail, thy Covenant
 thou wilt not break, nor alter the thing that is
 gone out of thy Lips.

That being willing more abundantly to shew *Heb. 6. 17, 18.*
 to the Heirs of Promise the Immutability of thy
 Counsel, thou hast confirmed it by an Oath, That

by two immutable things in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have strong Consolation, who have fled for Refuge to lay hold on the Hope set before us.

Rom. 4. 11. That Baptism is appointed to be a Seal of the Righteousness which is by Faith, as Circumcision was: That it assures us of the Remission of Sins and the Gift of the Holy Ghost; and that this Promise is to us and our Children. And that the Cup in the Lord's Supper is the Blood of the New Testament, which was shed for many for the Remission of Sins.

Acts 2. 38,
39.

Mat. 26. 28.

(18.) For the writing of the Scriptures, and the preserving of them pure and entire to our Day.

We thank thee that we have the Scriptures to search, and that in them we have Eternal Life, and that they testify of Christ, and that all Scripture is given by Inspiration of God, and is profitable for Doctrine, for Reproof, for Correction, and for Instruction in Righteousness.

John 5. 39.

2 Tim. 3. 16.

Rom. 15. 4.

2 Pet. 1. 19.

Isa. 29. 11.

Acts 2. 11.

Luke 10. 21,
24.

That the Vision is not become to us as the Words of a Book that is seal'd, but that we hear in our own Tongue the wonderful Works of God.

We thank thee, Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth, that the things which were hid from the Wise and Prudent, and which many Prophets and Kings desir'd to see and might not, are reveal'd unto us Babes; Even so, Father, for so it seem'd good in thy sight.

(19.) For

(19.) For the Institution of Ordinances, and particularly that of the Ministry.

We thank thee that *thou hast not only shewed* Psal. 147. 19. *thy Word unto Jacob, but thy Statutes and Judg-* 20. *ments unto Israel, unto us : Thou hast not dealt so with other Nations, and as for thy Judg-* *ments, they have not known them.*

That *the Tabernacle of God is with Men, and* Rev. 21. 3. *he will dwell with them, and that he hath set his Sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore,* Ezek. 37. 26. *and there will meet with the Children of Israel.* Exod. 29. 43.

We thank thee that *thou hast made known* Neh. 9. 14. *unto us thy holy Sabbaths ; and that still there remains the keeping of a Sabbath to the People* Heb. 4. 9. *of God.*

And that when the Lord Jesus *ascended up* Eph. 4. 8, 11, *on high, he gave Gifts unto Men, not only,* 12, 13. *Prophets, Apostles, Evangelists, but Pastors and Teachers, for the perfecting of the Saints, for the Work of the Ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ, till we all come in the Unity of the Faith, and of the Knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect Man, unto the Measure of the Stature of the Fullness of Christ : And that while they teach us to observe all things which Christ* Mat. 28. 20. *hath commanded, he hath promis'd to be with them always even unto the End of the World.*

(20.) For the planting of the Christian Religion in the World, and the setting up of the Gospel Church, in despite of all the Oppositions of the Powers of Darknes.

We thank thee that *the preaching of Jesus* Rom. 16. 25, *Christ according to the Commandment of the Ever-* 26. *lasting God, and the Gospel which was made known to all Nations for the Obedience of Faith, was mighty through God to the pulling down of* 2 Cor. 10. 4. *strong Holds. That the Lord wrought with it,* Mar. 16. 20.

and confirm'd the Word by Signs following; so
 Luke 10. 18. that Satan fell as Lightning from Heaven.

1 Theff. 2. 2. That tho' the Gospel was preached in much
 Acts 19. 20. Contention, yet it grew and prevail'd mightily,
 1 Theff. 1. 9. and Multitudes turned to God from Idols, to
 serve the living and true God, and to wait for
 his Son from Heaven.

Rev. 12. 10. Now came Salvation and Strength, and the
 Kingdom of our God, and the Power of his Christ:

—6. 2. And the exalted Redeemer rode forth with his
 Bow, and with his Crown conquering, and to

Isa. 66. 8. conquer; and Nations were born at once.

(21.) For the Preservation of Christianity
 in the World unto this Day.

We bless thee that tho' the Enemies of
 Psal. 129. 1, Israel have afflicted them from their Youth up,
 2, 3, 4. have many a time afflicted them, yet they have
 not prevail'd against them, tho' the Plowers have
 plowed on their Back, yet the righteous Lord has
 cut asunder the Cords of the Wicked.

Mat. 16. 18. That Jesus Christ hath built his Church upon
 a Rock, which the Gates of Hell cannot prevail

Psal. 89. 29. against, but his Seed shall endure for ever, and
 his Throne as the Days of Heaven.

(22.) For the Martyrs and Confessors, the
 Lights of the Church, and the good Exam-
 ples of those that are gone before us to
 Heaven.

We bless thee for all those who have been
 2 Cor. 6. 4. enabled to approve themselves to God in much
 Patience in Afflictions, in Necessities, in Distres-
 ses, who when they have been brought before
 Luke 21. 12, Governours and Kings for Christ's sake, it has
 13, 15. turn'd to them for a Testimony, and God has
 given them a Mouth and Wisdom, which all
 their Adversaries were not able to gainsay or
 resist.

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That those who for Christ's sake were Rom. 8. 36, killed all the Day long, and accounted as Sheep 37. for the Slaughter, yet in all these things were more than Conquerors through him that loved us.

That they overcame the Accuser of the Bre- Rev. 12. 11. thren by the Blood of the Lamb, and by the Word of their Testimony, and by not loving their Lives unto the Death.

We bless thee for the Cloud of Witnesses Heb. 12. 1. with which we are compassed about, for the Footsteps of the Flock, for the Elders that have Cant. 1. 8. obtained a good Report, and are now through Heb. 11. 2. Faith and Patience inheriting the Promises. Lord, —6. 12. give us to follow them as they follow'd Christ. 1 Cor. 11. 1.

(23.) For the Communion of Saints, that spiritual Communion which we have in Faith and Hope and holy Love, and in Prayers and Praises with all good Christians.

We bless thee that if we walk in the Light, 1 John 1. 7. we have Fellowship one with another, even with all that in every place call on the Name of Jesus 1 Cor. 1. 2. Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours.

That we being many are one Bread and one 1 Cor. 10. 17. Body, and that tho' there are Diversities of Gifts —12. 4, 5, 6. and Administrations, and Operations, yet there is the same Spirit, the same Lord, and the same God, which worketh all in all.

We thank thee that all the Children of God, John 11. 52. which were scatter'd abroad are united in him Col. 1. 18. who is the Head of the Body the Church; so that they are all our Brethren and Companions in Tribulation, and in the Kingdom and Patience of Rev. 1. 9. Jesus Christ.

(24.) For the Prospect and Hope of Eternal Life, when Time and Days shall be no more.

- Jam. 1. 12. - We thank thee for *the Crown of Life which the Lord hath promised to them that love him; the Inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for us.*
- Heb. 13. 14. That *having here no continuing City, we are*
 —11. 10, 16. *encouraged to seek the better Country, that is, the heavenly, the City that hath Foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God.*
- Tit. 1. 2. That we are *in hope of Eternal Life, which God that cannot lie hath promised; And that all*
 1 John 5. 13. *true Believers through Grace have Eternal Life abiding in them.*
- 2dly. We must give God thanks for the spiritual Mercies bestow'd upon us in particular, especially if we are call'd with an effectual Call, and have a good Work of Grace begun in us.
- (1.) We must bless God for the Strivings of his Spirit with us, and the Admonitions and Checks of our own Consciences.
- Rom. 1. 28. We bless thee that thou *hast not given us*
 1 Tim. 4. 2. *over to a reprobate Mind, that our Consciences are nor seared, that thou hast not said concerning us, They are joined to Idols, let them alone, but that thy Spirit is yet striving with us.*
- Rom. 2. 15. We thank thee for *the Work of the Law written in our Hearts, our own Consciences also bearing witness, and our own Thoughts between themselves accusing or excusing one another.*
- (2.) We must bless God if there be a saving Change wrought in us by his blessed Spirit.
- Col. 1. 13. And hath God by his Grace *translated us out of the Kingdom of Darkness into the Kingdom of his dear Son? Hath he called us into the Fellowship of Jesus Christ, and made us nigh by his Blood, who by Nature were afar off. Not*
 1 Cor. 1. 9. *unto*
 Eph. 2. 13. *unto*

unto us; O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name *Psal.* 115. 1:
give Glory.

We give Thanks to God always for those to *1 Thess.* 1.
whom the Gospel is come, not in Word only, but ^{2, 5.}
in Power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much
assurance.

Thou hast loved us with an Everlasting Love, *Jer.* 31. 3:
and therefore with loving Kindness thou hast
drawn us, drawn us with the Cords of a Man, *Hos.* 11. 4:
and the Bands of Love.

When the strong Man armed kept his Palace *Luke* 11. 21,
in our Hearts, and his Goods were in Peace, it ^{22.}
was a stronger than he that came upon him, and
took from him all his Armour, wherein he trusted,
and divided the Spoil.

(3.) We must give thanks for the Remif-
sion of our Sins, and the Peace of our Con-
sciences.

We bless thee for the Redemption we have *Eph.* 1. 7.
through Christ's Blood, even the Forgiveness of
Sins according to the Riches of thy Grace, wherein
thou hast abounded towards us.

That thou hast forgiven all our Iniquities, *Psal.* 103. 3.
and healed all our Diseases; and hast in love to
our Souls deliver'd them from the Pit of Corrup-
tion; for thou hast cast all our Sins behind thy *Isa.* 38. 17.
Back.

When thou broughtest us into the Wilderness, *Hos.* 2. 14,
yet there thou spakest comfortably to us, and ^{15.}
gwest us our Vineyards from thence; and the
Vally of Achor for a Door of Hope.

(4.) For the powerful Influences of the
Divine Grace, to sanctify and preserve us,
to prevent our falling into Sin, and to
strengthen us by doing our Duty.

Thou hast not quench'd the smoking Flax, *Mat.* 12. 20,
nor broke the bruised Reed, nor despised the Day *Zech.* 4. 10.
of

Acts 26. 22. of small things, but having obtained Help of God, we continue hitherto.

Pfal. 138. 3. In the Day when we cried thou hast answer'd us, and hast strengthened us with Strength in our Souls.

Pfal. 73. 2, 3. We have been continually with thee, thou hast holden us by thy Right Hand, when our Feet were almost gone, and our Steps had well nigh slipt.

Pfal. 119. 92, 93. We have reason never to forget thy Precepts; for by them thou hast quicken'd us; And unless thy Law had been our Delight, we should many a time have perished in our Affliction; for thy Statutes have been our Songs in the House of our Pilgrimage.

Pfal. 94. 17, 18, 19. Unless the Lord had been our Help, our Souls had almost dwelt in Silence: But when we said, our Foot slippeth, thy Mercy, O Lord, held us up: And in the Multitude of our Thoughts within us, thy Comforts have been the Delight of our Souls.

(5.) For sweet Communion with God in Holy Ordinances, and the Communications of his Favour.

Pfal. 36. 8, 9. We have been abundantly satisfied with the Fatness of thy House, and thou hast made us drink of the River of thy Pleasures. For with thee is the Fountain of Life, in thy Light shall we see Light.

Isa. 56. 7. Thou hast brought us to thy Holy Mountain, and made us joyful in thy House of Prayer, and

Pfal. 73. 28. we have found it good for us to draw near to God.

Pfal. 84. 10, 11, 12. We have had reason to say, That a Day in thy Courts is better than a Thousand, and that it is better to be Door-keepers in the House of our God, than to dwell in the Tents of Wickedness;

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For the Lord God is a Sun and Shield, he will give Grace and Glory, and no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly: O Lord of Hosts, blessed is the Man that trusteth in thee.

We have sitten down under thy Shadow with Delight, and thy Fruit hath been sweet unto our Taste; Thou hast brought us into the Banqueting House, and thy Banner over us has been Love. Cant. 2. 3, 4.

(6.) For gracious Answers to our Prayers.

We have reason to love thee, O Lord, because thou hast heard the Voice of our Supplications, and because thou hast inclined thine Ear unto us, we will therefore call upon thee as long as we live. Psal. 116. 1, 2.

Out of the Depths have we cried unto thee, O Lord, and thou hast heard our Vows, and given us the Heritage of those that fear thy Name. Psal. 130. 1. —61. 5.

Nay, before we have called thou hast answer'd, and while we have been yet speaking thou hast heard, and hast said, Here I am, and hast been nigh unto us in all that which we call upon thee for. Isa. 65. 25. —58. 9. Deut. 4. 7.

Lord, thou hast heard the Desire of the Humble, thou wilt prepare their Heart, and cause thine Ear to hear. Psal. 10. 17.

Blessed be God, who hath not turned away our Prayer, or his Mercy from us, for we have pray'd, and have gone away, and our Countenance has been no more sad. Psal. 66. 20. 1 Sam. 1. 18.

(7.) For Support under our Afflictions, and spiritual Benefit and Advantage by them.

Thou hast comforted us in all our Tribulation, hast consider'd our Trouble, and known our Souls in Adversity, and shew'd us thy marvellous Kindness as in a strong City. 2 Cor. 1. 4. Psal. 31. 7, 21.

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2 Cor. 1. 5. When Afflictions have abounded, Consolations have much more abounded.

Heb. 12. 10, 11. Tho' no Affliction for the present hath been joyous, but grievous, nevertheless afterward it hath yielded the peaceable Fruit of Righteousness; and hath prov'd to be for our Profit, that we might be Partakers of thy Holiness.

Psal. 119. 67, 71. We have had reason to say that it was good for us we were afflicted, that we might learn thy Commandments; for before we were afflicted we went astray, but afterwards have kept thy Word.

1 Pet. 1. 6, 7, 8, 9. It has been but for a Season, and when there was need that we were in Heaviness, through manifold Temptations: And we beg that all the Trials of our Faith may be found unto Praise, and Honour, and Glory, at the appearing of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen we love, in whom tho' now we see him not, yet believing we rejoice with Joy unspeakable and full of Glory; and longing to receive the End of our Faith, even the Salvation of our Souls.

(8.) For the Performance of God's Promises.

Psal. 119. 65. Thou hast dealt well with thy Servants, O Lord, according to thy Word, and thou hast been ever mindful of thy Covenant, the Word which thou hast commanded to a thousand Generations.

1 Kings 8. 56, 66. There hath not failed one Word of all the good Promise which thou hast promised, to David thy Servant, and Israel thy People.

Psal. 116. 7, 12, 13. And now what shall we render unto the Lord for all his Benefits towards us. Let our Souls return to him, and repose in him as their Rest, because he hath dealt bountifully with us, we will take the Cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord; For the Lord is good, his Mercy

Mercy is everlasting, and his Truth endureth to Psal. 100. 5:
all Generations.

We will bless the Lord at all times, yea his Psal. 34. 1.
Praise shall continually be in our Mouths; we
will sing unto the Lord as long as we live; and —104. 33:
we hope to be shortly with those Blessed ones,
who dwell in his House above, and are still
praising him, and who rest not Day or Night
from saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Al-
mighty.

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Of the fifth Part of Prayer, which is
Intercession, or Address and Supplica-
tion to God for others.

OUR Lord Jesus hath taught us to
pray, not only with, but for others:
And the Apostle hath appointed us
to make supplication for all Saints; and ma- Eph. 6. 18.
ny of his Prayers in his Epistles are for his
Friends: And we must not think that when
we are in this part of Prayer, we may let
fall our Fervency, and be more indifferent,
because we our selves are not immediately
concern'd in it, but rather let a holy Fire of
Love both to God and Man here, make our
Devotions yet more warm and lively.

1. We must pray for the whole World of 1 Pet. 2. 17.
Mankind, the lost World; and thus we must
honour all Men, and according to our Ca- Gal. 6. 10.
pacity do good to all Men.

We pray, as we are taught, for all Men, 1 Tim. 2. 3,
believing that this is good and acceptable in the 4, 6.

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sight of God our Saviour, who will have all Men to be sav'd, and to come unto the knowledge of the Truth, and of Jesus Christ, who gave himself a Ransom for all.

1 John 5. 19. O look with compassion upon the World
John 12. 31. that lies in Wickedness, and let the Prince of
2 Cor. 4. 4. this World be cast out, that has blinded their
Minds.

Psal. 67. 2, 3, 4. O let thy Way be known upon Earth, that
Eph. 2. 12. barbarous Nations may be civiliz'd, and those
that live without God in the World may be
brought to the Service of the living God;
and thus let thy saving Health be known unto
all Nations: Let the People praise thee, O God,
yea let all the People praise thee: O let the Na-
tions be glad and sing for Joy, for thou shalt judge
the People righteously, and govern the Nations
upon Earth.

Psal. 98. 2, 3. O let thy Salvation and thy Righteousness be
openly shewed in the sight of the Heathen, and let
all the Ends of the Earth see the Salvation of our
God.

Psal. 2. 8. O give thy Son the Heathen for his Inheri-
tance, and the uttermost Parts of the Earth for his
Possession: For thou hast said, It is a light
thing for him to raise up the Tribes of Jacob,
and to restore the Preserved of Israel, but thou
wilt give him for a Light to the Gentiles.

Rev. 11. 15. Let all the Kingdoms of this World become
the Kingdoms of the Lord and of his Christ.

2. For the propagating of the Gospel in
foreign Parts, and the Enlargement of the
Church by the bringing in of many to it.

Mar. 16. 16. O let the Gospel be preached unto every Crea-
Rom. 10. 14, 15. ture; for how shall Men believe in him, of whom
they have not heard? and how shall they hear
without Preachers? and how shall they preach,
except

except they be sent? and who shall send forth *Mat. 9. 38.*
Labourers, but the Lord of the Harvest?

Let the People which sit in Darkness see a great *Mat. 4. 16.*
Light, and to them which sit in the Region and
Shadow of Death, let Light spring up.

Add unto thy Church daily such as shall be *Acts 2. ult.*
saved; Enlarge the Place of its Tent, lengthen
its Cords, and strengthen its Stakes. *Isa. 54. 2.*

Bring thy Seed from the East, and gather them *Isa. 43. 5, 6.*
from the West; say to the North, Give up, and
to the South, Keep not back: Bring thy Sons
from far, and thy Daughters from the Ends of the
Earth. Let them come with acceptance to thine *—60. 7, 8.*
Altar, and glorify the House of thy Glory; Let
them fly as a Cloud, and as the Doves to their
Windows.

In every place let Incense be offered to thy Name, *Mal. 1. 11.*
and pure Offerings; And from the rising of the
Sun to the going down of the same, let thy Name
be great among the Gentiles; and let the offering
up of the Gentiles be acceptable, being sanctified by *Rom. 15. 16.*
the Holy Ghost.

O let the Earth be full of the Knowledge of the *Isa. 11. 9.*
Lord, as the Waters cover the Sea.

3. For the Conversion of the Jews.

Let the Branches which are broken off not *Rom. 11. 23,*
abide still in Unbelief, but be grafted in again *24, 25, 26.*
into their own Olive-tree. And tho' Blindness is
in part happen'd to Israel, yet let the Fulness of
the Gentiles come in, and let all Israel be sav'd.

Let them be made to look unto him whom *Zech. 12. 10.*
they have pierced, and that they may turn to
the Lord, let the Veil which is upon their Hearts *2 Cor. 3. 16.*
be taken away.

4. For the Eastern Churches that are
groaning under the Yoke of Mahometan
Tyranny.

Let

Rev. i. 11, 12. Let the Churches of Asia, that were Golden Candlesticks, which the Lord Jesus delighted
—2. 1. to walk in the midst of, be again made so.

Isa. i. 25, 26. Restore unto them their Liberties as at the first, and their Privileges as at the beginning; purely purge away their Dross, and take away

Psal. 126. 4. all their Sin, and turn again their Captivity as the Streams in the South.

5. For the Churches in the Plantations.

Psal. 65. 5. Be thou the Confidence of all the Ends of the Earth, and of those that are afar off beyond the Sea; And let them have the Blessing which

Gen. 49. 26. came upon the Head of Joseph, and upon the Crown of the Head of him that was separated from his Brethren, even to the utmost Bound of the everlasting Hills.

Isa. 57. 19. Create Peace to those that are afar off, as well as to those that are nigh.

Deut. 33. 19. And let those that suck of the abundance of the Seas, and of Treasures hid in the Sand, call the People to the Mountain, that they may offer Sacrifices of Righteousness.

6. For the universal Church where-ever dispersed, and for all the Interests of it.

Rom. 10. 1. Our Heart's Desire and Prayer to God for the Gospel Israel, is that it may be sav'd.

Psal. 51. 18. Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion, build
—122. 7, 8. thou the Walls of Jerusalem. Peace be within her Walls, and Prosperity within her Palaces; For our Brethren and Companions sake we will now say, Peace be within her.

Psal. 128. 5, 6. O that we may see the Good of the Gospel Jerusalem, all the Days of our Life, and Peace upon Israel. And that thus we may have

Isa. 14. 32. reason to answer the Messengers of the Nations, that the Lord hath founded Zion, and the Poor of his People shall trust to that.

Save thy People, O Lord, and bless thine He- Pfal. 28. ult.
 ritage: Feed them also, and lift them up for ever.
 Give Strength unto thy People, and bless thy —29. ult.
 People with Peace; with thy Favour do thou — 5. ult.
 compass them as with a Shield.

Grace be with all them that love the Lord Jesus Eph. 6. 24.
 Christ in Sincerity; for thou knowest them that 2 Tim. 2. 19.
 are thine: and give to all that name the Name
 of Christ to depart from Iniquity.

We pray for all that believe in Christ, that John 17. 20,
 they all may be one; And since there is one Bo- 21.
 dy, and one Spirit, and one Hope of our Calling, Eph. 4. 4,5,6.
 one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, and one God
 and Father of all, Give to all Christians to be of
 one Heart, and one Way. Jer. 32. 39.

Let the Word of the Lord in all places, have 2 Theff. 3. 1.
 a free Course, and let it be glorified.

7. For the Conviction and Conversion of
 Atheists, Deists, and Infidels, and of all
 that are out of the way of Truth, and of
 profane Scoffers, and those that disgrace
 Christianity by their vicious and immoral
 Lives.

O teach Transgressors thy Ways, and let Sin- Pfal. 51. 13.
 ners be converted unto thee.

O give them Repentance to the acknowledging 2 Tim. 2. 25,
 of the Truth, the Truth as it is in Jesus, the Truth 26.
 which is according to Godliness, that they may re- Eph. 4. 21.
 cover themselves out of the Snare of the Devil. Tit. 1. 1.

Let those that are as Sheep going astray return 1 Pet. 2. 25.
 to Jesus Christ, the Shepherd and Bishop of our
 Souls.

Shew those Fools their Folly and Misery, Pf. 14. 1.
 that have said in their Hearts there is no God, and
 that are corrupt, and have done abominable Work.

Lord, maintain the Honour of the Scrip-
 ture, the Law and the Testimony, and convince Isa. 8. 20.

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those who speak not according to that Word, that
 Psal. 138. 2. it is because there is no light in them; magnify
 that Word above all thy Name; magnify the
 Isa. 42. 21. Law, magnify the Gospel, and make both
 honourable.

1 Pet. 3. 1. Let those that will not be won by the Word,
 be won by the Conversation of Christians, which
 we beg may be such in every thing, that they
 1 Cor. 14. 24, 25. who believe not may be convinced of all, and
 judged of all, and may be brought to worship God,
 and to report that God is with them of a truth.

8. For the amending of every thing that is
 amiss in the Church, the reviving of Primi-
 tive Christianity, and the Power of Godli-
 ness, and in order thereunto, the pouring
 out of the Spirit.

Isa. 32. 15. Lord, let thy Spirit be poured out upon thy
 Churches from on high, and then the Wilder-
 ness shall become a fruitful Field, then Judgment
 Psal. 94. 15. shall return unto Righteousness, and all the Up-
 right in Heart shall follow it.

Tit. 1. 5. Let what is wanting be set in order, and let
 Mat. 15. 3. every Plant that is not of our heavenly Father's
 planting, be plucked up.

Mal. 3. 3. Let the Lord whom we seek come to his Temple
 like a Refiner's Fire, and Fuller's Soap, and let
 him purify the Sons of Levi, and all the Seed
 of Israel, and purge them as Gold and Silver,
 that they may offer unto the Lord an Offering in
 Righteousness, pleasant to the Lord, as in the
 Days of old, as in former Years.

Jam. 1. ult. Let pure Religion and undefiled before God and
 the Father, flourish and prevail every where,
 Rom. 14. 17. that Kingdom of God among Men, which is
 not Meat and Drink, but Righteousness, and
 Peace, and Joy in the Holy Ghost. O revive this

Hab. 3. 7. Work in the midst of the Years, in the midst of
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the Years make known, and let our Times be Heb. 9. 10.
Times of Reformation.

9. For the breaking of the Power of all the Enemies of the Church, and the defeating of all their Designs against her.

Let all that set themselves, and take counsel Psal. 2. 1, 2;
together against the Lord, and against his Anoint- 3, 4, 5.
ed, that would break their Bands asunder, and cast away their Cords from them, imagine a vain thing. Let him that sits in Heaven laugh at them, and have them in derision; speak unto them in thy Wrath, and vex them in thy sore Displeasure. Give them, O Lord, what thou wilt Hof. 9. 14;
give them; give them a miscarrying Womb, and dry Breasts.

O our God, make them like a Wheel, and as Psal. 83. 13;
Stubble before the Wind; Fill their Faces with 16, 18.
Shame, that they may seek thy Name, O Lord, and that Men may know, that thou whose Name is Jehovah, art the most High over all the Earth.

Put them in fear, O Lord, that the Nations Psal. 9. 20;
may know themselves to be but Men, and where-
in the proud Enemies of thy Church deal
proudly, make it to appear that thou art above Exod. 18. 11;
them.

Let them be confounded and turned back that Psal. 129. 5, 6.
hate Zion, and be as the Grass upon the House-
tops, which withereth before it groweth up.

Let no Weapon formed against thy Church pro- Isa. 54. 17.
sper, and let every Tongue that riseth against it
in Judgment be condemned.

Make Jerusalem a burthensome Stone for all Zech. 12. 3.
People, and let all that burthen themselves with
it be cut in pieces, tho' all the People of the Earth
should be gathered together against it; so let all
thine Enemies perish, O Lord, but let them that Judges 5. ult.

love thee be as the Sun when he goes forth in his Strength.

2 Theff. 2. 3,
8, 10, 11. Lord, let the *Man of Sin* be consum'd with the Spirit of thy Mouth, and destroy'd with the Brightness of thy coming: And let those be undeceived that have been long under the Power of strong Delusions to believe a Lie, and let them receive the Truth in the Love of it.

Rev. 18. 2,
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—17. 17.
—21. 24 Let *Babylon* fall, and sink like a Mill-stone into the Sea; And let the Kings of the Earth, that have given their Power and Honour to the Beast, be wrought upon at length to bring it into the New Jerusalem.

10. For the Relief of suffering Churches, and the Support, Comfort, and Deliverance of all that are persecuted for Righteousness sake.

Heb. 13. 3. We desire in our Prayers to remember them that are in Bonds for the Testimony of Jesus, as bound with them, and them which suffer Adversity, as being our selves also in the Body. O
Psal. 18. 16,
17, 19. send from above, and deliver them from those that hate them, and bring them forth into a large Place.

Psal. 125. 3. O let not the Rod of the Wicked rest upon the Lot of the Righteous, lest the Righteous put forth their Hands unto Iniquity.

Isa. 51. 9, 10. Awake, awake, put on Strength, O Arm of the Lord; awake as in the antient Days, as in the Generations of old, and make the Depths of the Sea a Way for the Ransomed of the Lord to pass over.

Psal. 12. 5. For the Oppression of the Poor and the sighing of the Needy, now do thou arise, O Lord, and set them in Safety from them that puff at them.

Rev. 13. 10. O strengthen the Patience and Faith of thy suffering Saints, that they may hope and quietly

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quietly wait for the Salvation of the Lord. Lam. 3. 26.

O let the Year of thy Redcemed come, and the Year of Recompences from the Controversy of Zion. Isa. 63. 4. —34. 8.

O that the Salvation of Israel were come out of Zion; and when the Lord bringeth back the Captivity of his People, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad. Psal. 14. 7.

O let not the Oppressed return ashamed, but let the Poor and needy praise thy Name. Psal. 74. 21.

Lord, arise, and have Mercy upon Zion, and let the Time to favour her, yea the set Time come; yea let the Lord build up Zion, and appear in his Glory. Lord, regard the Prayer of the Destitute, and do not despise their Prayer. Psal. 102. 13, 16, 17.

O Lord God, cease we beseech thee, by whom shall Jacob arise, for he is small? O cause thy Face to shine upon that part of thy Sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. Amos 7. 5. Dan. 9. 17.

Let the sorrowful Sighing of thy Prisoners come before thee, and according to the Greatness of thy Power preserve thou those that for thy Name's sake are appointed to die. Psal. 79. 11.

Let those whose Teachers are removed into Corners, again see their Teachers, tho' they have the Bread of Adversity, and the Water of Affliction. Isa. 30. 20.

11. For the Nations of Europe, and the Countries about us.

Thou, Lord, art the Governour among the Nations: Who shall not fear thee, O King of Nations? Thou sittest in the Throne judging right; judge the World therefore in Righteousness, and minister Judgment to the People in Uprightness. Psal. 22. 28. Jer. 10. 7. Psal. 9. 4, 8.

Lord, hasten the Time when thou wilt make Wars to cease to the Ends of the Earth; Psal. 46. 9.

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Isa. 2. 4. when Nation shall no more lift up Sword against Nation, nor Kingdom against Kingdom, but Swords shall be beaten into Plow-shares, and Spears into Pruning-hooks, and they shall not learn War any more.

Isa. 49. 23. Make Kings nursing Fathers, and their Queens nursing Mothers to the Israel of God.

Dan. 2. 44. And in the Days of these Kings let the God of Heaven set up a Kingdom which shall never be destroy'd, even the Kingdom of the Redeemer.

Prov. 19. 21. And whatever Counsels there are in Mens Hearts, Lord, let thy Counsel stand, and do thou fulfil the Thoughts of thy Heart unto all Generations.

Psal. 33. 11. 12. For our own Land and Nation, the happy Islands of Great Britain and Ireland, which we ought in a special manner to seek the Welfare of, that in the Peace thereof we may have Peace.

1. We must be thankful to God for his Mercies to our Land.

Isa. 5. 1. We bless thee that thou hast planted us in a very fruitful Hill, and hast not made the Wilderness our Habitation, or the barren Land our Dwelling, but our Land yields her Increase.

Job 39. 6. Lord, thou hast dealt favourably with our Land; We have heard with our Ears, and our Fathers have told us what Work thou didst for us in their Days, and in the Times of old: And as we have heard, so have we seen; for we have thought of thy Loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy Temple.

Jer. 3. 19. Thou hast given us a pleasant Land, 'tis
Isa. 8. 8. Immanuel's Land, 'tis a Vally of Vision, thou
—22. 1. hast set up thy Tabernacle among us, and thy
Ezek. 37. 26, 27. Sanctuary is in the midst of us.

1 Kings 4. 25. We dwell safely, under our own Vines and
2 Chr. 15. 5. Fig-trees, and there is Peace to him that goes out, and to him that comes in. And

And because *the Lord loved our People, therefore he hath set a good Government over us to do Judgment and Justice; to be a Terror to evil Doers, and a Protection and Praise to them that do well.* 1 Kings 10. 9. Rom. 13. 3.

2. We must be humbled before God for our National Sins and Provocations.

But we are *a sinful People, a People laden with Iniquity, a Seed of evil Doers; And a great deal of reason we have to sigh and cry for the Abominations that are committed among us.* Isa. 1. 4. Ezek. 9. 4.

Iniquity abounds among us, and the Love of many is waxen cold. Mat. 24. 12

We have not been *forsaken, nor forgotten of our God, tho' our Land be full of Sin against the Holy One of Israel.* Jer. 51. 5.

3. We must pray earnestly for National Mercies.

1. For the Favour of God to us, and the Tokens of his Presence among us, as that in which the Happiness of our Nation is bound up.

O the Hope of Israel, the Saviour thereof in time of Trouble, Be not thou as a Stranger in our Land, or a way-faring Man that turns aside to tarry but for a Night; but be thou always in the midst of us, we are called by thy Name, O leave us not: Tho' our Iniquities testify against us, yet do thou it for thy Name's sake; tho' our Backslidings are many, and we have sinned against thee. Jer. 14. 7, 8, 9.

Turn us to thee, O Lord God of Hosts, and then cause thy Face to shine, and we shall be saved, O stir up thy Strength, and come and save us. Psal. 80. 2, 3.

Shew us thy Mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy Salvation, yea let that Salvation be nigh them Psal. 85. 7, 9. 10, 11, 12, 13.

that fear thee, that Glory may dwell in our Land: Let Mercy and Truth meet together, Righteousness and Peace kiss each other: Let Truth spring out of the Earth, and Righteousness look down from Heaven; yea let the Lord give that which is good: Let Righteousness go before him, and set us in the Way of his Steps.

2. For the continuance of the Gospel among us, and the Means of Grace, and a National Profession of Christ's Holy Religion.

Psal. 45. 6. O let the Throne of Christ endure for ever among us, even the Place of thy Sanctuary, that glorious high Throne from the beginning.

Jer. 17. 12. Let our Candlestick never be removed out of his place, tho' we have deserv'd it should, because we have left our first Love. Never do to us as thou didst to thy Place which was in Shiloh, where thou didst set thy Name at the first.

Rev. 2. 4, 5. Let us never know what a Famine of the Word means; nor ever be put to wander from Sea to Sea, and from the River to the Ends of the Earth, to seek the Word of God.

Jer. 7. 12, 14. Let Wisdom and Knowledge be the Stability of our Times and Strength of Salvation, and let the Fear of the Lord be our Treasure: Let the Righteous flourish among us, and let there be those that shall fear thee in our Land as long as the Sun and Moon endure throughout all Generations, that there may be abundance of Peace, and the Children which shall be created may praise the Lord.

—102. 18.

3. For the continuance of our outward Peace and Tranquility, our Liberty and Plenty, for the Prosperity of our Trade, and a Blessing upon the Fruits of the Earth.

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Let God himself be a *Wall of Fire* round a-*Zech. 2. 5.*
bout us, and the Glory in the midst of us, yea let
his Gospel be our Glory, and upon all that *Isa. 4. 5.*
Glory let there be a Defence; and create upon eve-
ry Dwelling-place of Mount Zion, and upon her
Assemblies a Cloud and Smoke by Day, and the
shining of a flaming Fire by Night.

Peace be within our Borders, and Prosperity *Psal. 122. 7.*
within our Palaces, the Prosperity both of
Merchandize and Husbandry, that Zebulon
may rejoice in his going out, and Issachar in his *Deut. 33. 18.*
Tents.

Appoint Salvation to us for Walls and Bul- *Isa. 26. 1, 2.*
warks, and in order to that let the Gates be
open'd, that the righteous Nation which keepeth
the Truth may enter in.

Make our Officers Peace, and our Exactors *Isa. 60. 17,*
Righteousness, let Violence never be heard in our *18.*
Gates, Wasting or Destruction within our Bor-
ders, but let our Walls be called Salvation, and
our Gates Praise: Never let our Land be termed *—62. 4.*
forsaken and desolate, but let the Lord delight in
us, and let our Land be married to him.

Let our Peace be as a River, and in order *Isa. 48. 18.*
to that, our Righteousness as the Waves of the
Sea: Let that Righteousness abound among us
which exalteth a Nation, and deliver us from *Prov. 14. 34.*
Sin which is a Reproach to any People.

Never make our Heavens as Brass, and our *Deut. 28. 23.*
Earth as Iron; nor take away thy Corn in the *Hos. 2. 9.*
Season thereof, and thy Wine in the Season there-
of, but give us Rain moderately, the former and *Joel 2. 23.*
the later Rain in due season, and reserve unto us *Jer. 5. 24.*
the appointed Works of Harvest, giving us fair
Weather also in its Season: Let our Land yield *Lev. 26. 4, 5.*
her Increase, and the Trees their Fruit; that we
may eat Bread to the full, and dwell in our
Land safely. *Abun-*

Psal. 132. 15. *Abundantly bless our Provision, and satisfy our Poor with Bread, that they which have gather'd it may eat and praise the Lord. Blow not thou upon it, for then when we look for much it will come to little, but bless our Blessings, that all Nations may call us Blessed, and a delightful Land.*

4. For the Success of all Endeavours for the Reformation of Manners, the Suppression of Vice and Profaneness, and the Support of Religion and Virtue, and the bringing of them into Reputation.

Psal. 7. 9. *O let the Wickedness of the Wicked come to an end, but establish the Just, O thou righteous God that triest the Hearts and Reins. Spirit many to rise up for thee against the evil Doers, and to stand up for thee against the Workers of Iniquity.*

—94. 16.

Rom: 11. 26. *Let the Redeemer come to Zion, and turn away Ungodliness from Jacob; And let the Filth of Jerusalem be purged from the midst thereof by the Spirit of Judgment, and the Spirit of Burning.*

Isa. 4. 4.

Psal. 107. 42. *Let all Iniquity stop her Mouth, and let the Infection of that Plague be stay'd, by executing Judgment.*

—106. 30.

Heb. 12. 3, 4. *Let those that are striving against Sin never be weary or faint in their Minds.*

Zech. 13. 2. *Cause the unclean Spirit to pass out of the Land, and turn to the People a pure Language, that they may call on the Name of the Lord.*

Zeph. 3. 9.

Deut. 26. 19. *Make us high above all Nations in Praise and in Name and in Honour, by making us a holy People unto the Lord our God.*

5. For the healing of our unhappy Divisions, and the making up of our Breaches.

Judges 5. 16. *For the Divisions that are among us, there are great Searchings of Heart; for there are*

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three against two, and two against three in a Luke 12. 52.
House. But is the Breach wide as the Sea which Lam. 2. 13.
cannot be heal'd? Is there no Balm in Gilead? Jer. 8. ult.
Is there no Physician there? Why then is not the
Health of the Daughter of our People recover'd?
Lord, heal the Breaches of our Land, for be- Psal. 60. 2.
cause of them it shaketh.

We beg in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 1 Cor. 1. 10.
that there may be no Divisions among us, but that
we may be perfectly joined together in the same
Mind and in the same Judgment.

Now the God of Patience and Consolation grant Rom. 15. 5, 6.
us to be like-minded one towards another, accord-
ing to Christ Jesus, that we may with one Mind
and one Mouth glorify God, even the Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ, and promote the com- Jude 2.
mon Salvation.

Lord, keep us from judging one another, and Rom. 14. 3.
despising one another, and give us to follow after¹⁹
the things which make for Peace, and things
wherewith one may edify another; that living in
Love and Peace, the God of Love and Peace may 2 Cor. 13. 11.
be with us.

Let nothing be done through Strife or vain Phil. 2. 3.
Glory, but every thing in Lowliness of Mind,
and grant that our Moderation may be known — 4. 5.
unto all Men, because the Lord is at hand.

6. For Victory and Success against our
Enemies abroad, that seek our Ruin.

Rise, Lord, and let thine Enemies be scatter'd, Num. 10. 35,
and let those that hate thee flee before thee, but 36.
return, O Lord, to the many Thousands of thine
Israel.

Give us Help from Trouble, for vain is the Psal. 60. 11.
Help of Man; Through God let our Forces do¹²
valiantly, yea let God himself tread down our
Enemies, and give them as Dust to our Sword, Isa. 41. 2.
and

and as driven Stubble to our Bow.

Deut. 33. ult. Let us be a People saved by the Lord, as the Shield of our Help and the Sword of our Excellency; and make our Enemies sensible that

Exod. 14. 25. *the Lord fighteth for us against them.*

Judges 5. 18. Those who jeopard their Lives for us in the High Places of the Field, teach their Hands to war, and their Fingers to fight, give them the

Psal. 18. 34, 35. *Shield of thy Salvation, and let thy Right Hand hold them up, and cover their Heads in the Day of Battle.*

Psal. 140. 7. *7. For all Orders and Degrees of Men among us, and all we stand in any Relation to.*

(1.) For our Sovereign Lady the Queen, that God will protect her Person, preserve her Health, and continue her Life and Government long a publick Blessing.

Psal. 72. 1, 4. *Give the Queen thy Judgments, O God, and thy Righteousness, that she may judge the Poor of the People, may save the Children of the Needy, and may break in pieces the Oppressor.*

Prov. 20. 28. *Let her Throne be establish'd with Righteousness and upheld with Mercy: Give her long*

—25. 5. *Life and Length of Days for ever and ever, and let her Glory be great in thy Salvation, and make her exceeding glad with thy Countenance: Through the Mercy of the Most High let her not be moved.*

Psal. 132. 18. *Clothe her Enemies with Shame, but upon her self let the Crown flourish, and continue her*

Isa. 49. 23. *long, very long a Nursing Mother to thine Israel.*

(2.) For the Succession in the Protestant Line, that a Blessing may attend it, that the Entail of the Crown may prove a successful Expedient for the establishing of Peace and Truth

Truth in our Days, the securing of them to Posterity, and the extinguishing the Hopes of our Popish Adversaries, and all their Aiders and Abettors.

Lord, preserve to us the *Lamp* which thou *Psal. 132. 17.*
hast ordained for thine Anointed, that the Gene-
ration to come may know thee, even the Children —78. 6, 7.
which shall be born, that they may set their Hope
in God, and keep his Commandments.

Let the Protestant Succession *abide before Psal. 61. 7, 8.*
God for ever : O prepare Mercy and Truth which
may preserve it, so will we sing Praise unto thy
Name for ever. Thus let the Lord save Sion, —69. 35, 36.
and build the Cities of Judah, and the Seed of thy
Servants shall inherit it, and they that love thy
Name shall dwell therein.

Let their Design who *would make a Captain Numb. 14. 4.*
to return into Egypt, be again defeated, and
let not the deadly Wound that hath been given to Rev. 13. 11.
the Beast be healed any more.

Let our Eyes see *Jerusalem, the City of our Isa. 33. 20,*
Solemnities, a quiet Habitation, a Tabernacle 21, 22.
that shall not be taken down: Let none of the
Stakes thereof be removed, nor any of the Cords
thereof broken, but let the glorious Lord be unto
us a Place of broad Waters and Streams; for the
Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver, the
Lord is our King, he will save us.

(3.) For the Privy Counsellors, the Ministers of State, the Members of Parliament, the Embassadors and Envoys abroad, and all that are employ'd in the Conduct of publick Affairs.

Counsel our Counsellors, and *teach our Psal. 105. 22.*
Senators Wisdom : O give them a Spirit of Wis-
dom and Understanding, a Spirit of Counsel and isa. 11. 2, 3.
Might, a Spirit of Knowledge and of the Fear of
the

the Lord, to make them of quick Understanding in the Fear of the Lord.

Job 12. 20.

O remove not the Speech of the Trusty, nor take away the Understanding of the Aged, nor ever let the things that belong to the Nation's

Luke 19. 42.

Peace be hid from the Eyes of those that are intrusted with the Nation's Counsels.

Psal 82. 1.

Make it to appear that thou standest in the Congregation of the Mighty, and judgest among the Gods, and that when the Princes of the Peo-

—47. 9.

ple are gather'd together, even the People of the God of Abraham, the God of Abraham himself is among them; And let the Shields of the Earth belong unto the Lord, that he may be greatly exalted.

Isa. 58. 12.

Let those that be of us build the old waste Places, and raise up the Foundations of many Generations, that they may be called the Repairers of the Breaches, and Restorers of Paths to dwell in.

(4.) For the Magistrates, the Judges and Justices of Peace in the several Counties and Corporations.

2 Sam. 23. 3.

Make those that rule over us just, ruling in the Fear of God; and let those that judge remember that they judge not for Man, but for the Lord, who is with them in the Judgment, that therefore the Fear of the Lord may be upon them.

2 Chr. 19. 6, 7.

Exod. 18. 21.

Make them able Men, and Men of Truth, fearing God, and hating Covetousness, that Judgment may run down like a River, and Righteousness as a mighty Stream.

Amos 5. 24.

Psal. 82. 3, 4.

Enable our Magistrates to defend the Poor and Fatherless, to do Justice for the Afflicted and Needy, to deliver the Poor and Needy, and to rid them out of the Hand of the Wicked; and let

Rom. 13. 4.

Rulers never be a Terror to good Works, but to the

1 Pet. 2. 14.

evil. (5.) For

(5.) For all the Ministers of God's holy Word and Sacraments, the Masters of Assemblies.

Teach thy Ministers how they ought to be-¹ Tim. 3. 15. have themselves in the House of God, which is the Church of the living God, that they may not preach themselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord,² Cor. 4. 5. and may study to shew themselves approved to² Tim. 2. 15. God, Workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

Make them mighty in the Scriptures, that^{Acts 18. 24.} from thence they may be thoroughly furnished for² Tim. 3. 17. every good Work, in Doctrine shewing Un-^{ness,} Gravity, and Sincerity, and sound Speech,^{Tit. 2. 7.} which cannot be condemned.

Enable them to give attendance to Reading,¹ Tim. 4. 13. to Exhortation, to Doctrine, to meditate upon these^{15, 16.} things, to give themselves to Prayer and to the^{Acts 6. 4.} Ministry of the Word, to give themselves wholly to them; and to continue in them, that they may both save themselves, and those that hear them.

Let Utterance be given to them, that they may^{Eph. 6. 19,} open their Mouths boldly to make known the My-^{20.}stery of the Gospel, that thereof they may speak as they ought to speak, as able Ministers of the New² Cor. 3. 6. Testament, not of the Letter, but of the Spirit, and let them obtain Mercy of the Lord to be¹ Cor. 7. 21. faithful.

Let the Arms of their Hands be made strong^{Gen. 49. 24.} by the Hands of the mighty God of Jacob; and let them be full of Power by the Spirit of the Lord^{Mic. 3. 8.} of Hosts, to shew thy People their Transgressions, and the House of Jacob their Sins. ^{Isa. 58. 1:}

Make them sound in the Faith, and enable^{Tit. 1. 13.} them always to speak the things which become sound Doctrine, with Meekness instructing those ^{—2. 3.} that oppose themselves; and let not the Servants of

2 Tim. 2. 24. of the Lord strive, but be gentle to all Men, apt
25. to teach.

1 Tim. 4. 12. Make them good Examples to the Believers
in Word, in Conversation, in Charity, in Spirit,
in Faith, in Purity; and let them be clean,

Isa. 52. 11. that bear the Vessels of the Lord, and let Holi-
Exod. 28. 36. ness to the Lord be written upon their Fore-
heads.

Isa. 49. 4. Lord, grant that they may not labour in
vain, or spend their Strength for nought, and

Acts 11. 21. in vain, but let the Hand of the Lord be with
them, that many may believe, and turn to the
Lord.

(6.) For all the Universities, Schools, and
Nurseries of Learning.

Let the Schools of the Prophets be replenish-
Jam. 1. 17. ed with every good Gift and every perfect Gift
from above from the Father of Lights.

2 Kings 2. 21. Cast Salt into those Fountains, and heal the
Waters thereof, that from thence may issue
Streams which shall make glad the City of our

Psal. 46. 4. God, the Holy Place of the Tabernacles of the
most High.

(7.) For the Common People of the Land.

Give Grace to all the Subjects of this
Land, that they may under the Government
1 Tim. 2. 2. God hath set over us live quiet and peaceable
Lives in all Godliness and Honesty, dwelling
together in Unity, that the Lord may com-
mand a Blessing upon us, even Life for evermore.

Acts 10. 35. Let all of every Denomination that fear
God and work Righteousness be accepted of him;
yea let such as love thy Salvation say continually,

Psal. 35. 27. the Lord be magnified that hath pleasure in the
prosperity of his Servants.

(8.) For the several Ages and Conditions
of Men, as they stand in need of Mercy and
Grace.

1. For

i. For those that are young, and setting out in the World.

Lord, give to those that are young to *remember their Creator in the Days of their Youth*; Eccl. 12. 1. that thereby they may be kept from *the Vanity* — 11. 9, 10. which *Childhood and Youth* are subject to, and may be restrained from *walking in the way of their Heart, and in the sight of their Eyes*, by considering that *for all these things God will bring them into Judgment.*

Lord, make young People *sober-minded*, Tit. 2. 6. and let *the Word of God abide in them*, that 1 John 2. 14. they may be strong, and may overcome the *Wicked One*:

From the *Womb of the Morning* let Christ Psal. 110. 3. have the *Dew of the Youth*, and let him be *formed* in the Hearts of those that are young. Gal. 4. 19.

Keep those that are setting out in the World from *the Corruption that is in the World* 2 Pet. 1. 4. through *Lust*; and give to those that have been well educated to *hold fast the Form of* 2 Tim. 1. 13. *sound Words*, and to continue in the things which — 3. 14. they have learn'd.

2. For those that are old, and are of long standing in Profession.

There are some that are *old Disciples* of Acts 21. 16. *Jesus Christ*, Lord, give them *still to bring* Psal. 92. 14; *forth Fruit in old Age, to shew that the Lord is* 15. *upright, that he is their Rock, and there is no Unrighteousness in him.* Now the *evil Days* Eccl. 12. 1. are come, and the *Years of which they say there is no pleasure in them*, let thy *Comforts delight* Psal. 94. 19. *their Souls.* ❀

Even to their old Age be thou He, and to the Isa. 46. 4. *hoary Hairs do thou carry them, thou hast made, we beseech thee bear, yea do thou carry and deliver them.*

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Those

Pfal. 71. 9,
17, 18.

Those whom thou hast taught from their Youth up, and who have hitherto declared all thy wondrous Works, now also when they are old and grey-headed leave them not, cast them not off in their Old Age, fail them not when their Strength fails.

Prov. 16. 31. Let every hoary Head be a Crown of Glory to those that have it, being found in the Way of
2 Tim. 1. 12. Righteousness, and give them to know whom they have believed.

3. For those that are rich and prosperous in the World, some of whom perhaps need Prayers as much as those that request them.

1 Tim. 6. 17, 19. Lord keep those that are rich in the World from being high-minded, and trusting in uncertain Riches, and give them to trust in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy: That they may do good, and be rich in good Works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate, That they may lay up in store for themselves a good Security for the time to come.

Mat. 19. 26. Tho' it is hard for those that are rich to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, yet with thee this is possible.

4. For those that are poor and in Affliction, for such we have always with us.

Mat. 11. 5. Lord, make those that are Poor in the
Jam. 2. 5. World rich in Faith, and Heirs of the Kingdom, and give to them to receive the Gospel.

Zech. 11. 11. O that the Poor of the Flock may wait upon thee, and may know the Word of the Lord.

Pfal. 39. 19. Many are the Troubles of the Righteous, Good Lord, deliver them out of them all, and tho' no

Heb. 12. 11. Affliction for the present seem to be joyous, but grievous, nevertheless afterward let it yield the peaceable Fruit of Righteousness to them that are exercis'd thereby.

5. For

5. For our Enemies, and those that hate us.

Lord, give us to love our Enemies, to bless them that curse us, and to pray for them that despitefully use us and persecute us. Mat. 5. 44.

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do; and lay not their Malice against us to their charge, and work in us a Disposition to forbear and forgive in Love, as thou requirest we should when we pray. Luke 23. 34. Acts 7. 6. Col. 3. 13. Mar. 11. 25.

And grant that our Ways may so please the Lord, that even our Enemies may be at peace with us. Let the Wolf and the Lamb lie down together, and let there be none to hurt or destroy in all the holy Mountain; let not Ephraim envy Judah, nor Judah vex Ephraim. Prov. 16. 7. Isa. 11. 6, 9, 13.

6. For our Friends, and those that love us.

And we wish for all those whom we love in the Truth, that they may prosper, and be in health, especially that their Souls may prosper. 3 John 2.

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with their Spirits. Philem. ult.

C H A P. VI.

Of Addresses to God upon particular Occasions, whether Domestick or Publick.

IT is made our Duty, and prescribed as a Remedy against disquieting Care, that in every thing by Prayer and Supplication with Thanksgiving we should make our Requests known to God. And it is part of the *παρρησία*, the Boldness; the Liberty of Speech (so the Word signifies) which is allow'd us in our

Access to God, that we may be particular in opening our Case, and seeking to him for Relief; that according as *the Sore and the Grief* is, accordingly the *Prayer and the Supplication* may be by *any Man*, or by the *People of Israel*. Not that God needs to be particularly inform'd of our Condition, he knows it better than we our selves do, and our Souls too in our Adversity, but it is his Will that we should thus *acknowledge him in all our Ways*, and wait upon him for the *Direction of every Step*, not *prescribing*, but *subscribing* to infinite Wisdom, humbly shewing him our Wants, Burthens, and Desires, and then referring our selves to him, to do for us as he thinks fit.

2 Chr. 6. 29.

Prov. 3. 6.

Pfal. 37. 23.

We shall instance in some of the Occasions of particular Address to God, more or less usual, which may either be the principal Matter of a whole Prayer, or inserted in our other Prayers, and in some cases that are more peculiar to Ministers, or others, in common to them with Masters of Families and private Christians. As there may be something particular.

1. In our Morning Prayers.

Pfal. 5. 3.

Our *Voice shalt thou now hear in the Morning*, in the Morning will we direct our Prayer unto thee, and will look up; for our Souls wait for

Pfal. 130. 6.

thee, O Lord, more than they that watch for the Morning, yea more than they that watch for the

Pfal. 59. 16.

Morning; and we will sing aloud of thy Mercy in the Morning; for thou hast been our Defence.

Job 38. 12,
13, 14.

It is thou (O God) that hast commanded the Morning, and caused the Day-spring to know its place, that it might take hold of the Ends of the Earth, and it is turned as Clay to the Seal.

The

The Day is thine, the Night also is thine, thou Psal. 74. 16.
hast prepared the Light and the Sun.

With the Light of the Morning let *the* Luke 1. 77,
Day-spring from on high visit us, to give us the 78.
Knowledge of Salvation, through the tender Mer-
cy of our God; And let the Sun of Righteousness Mal. 4. 2.
arise upon our Souls with healing under his
Wings; and our Path be as the shining Light, Prov. 4. 18.
which shines more and more to the perfect Day.

It is of thy Mercy, O Lord, that we are not Lam. 3. 22,
consum'd, even because thy Compassions fail not, 23.
they are new every Morning, great is thy Faith-
fulness: And if Weeping sometimes endures for Psal. 30. 5.
a Night, Joy comes in the Morning.

We thank thee that we have *laid us down,* Psal. 3. 5.
have had where to lay our Head, and have not Mat. 8. 20.
been wandring in Deserts and Mountains, in Heb. 11. 38.
Dens, and Caves of the Earth; And that we
have slept, and have not been full of Tossings Job 7. 3, 4,
to and fro till the Dawning of the Day, that wea- 13.
risome Nights are not appointed to us, and we are
not saying at our lying down, When shall we a-
rise, and the Night be gone? But our Bed com-
forts us, and our Couch easeth our Complaint:
Thou givest us Sleep as thou givest it to thy Psal. 127. 2.
Beloved. And that having laid us down and
slept, we have waked again; thou hast lighted Psal. 13. 3.
our Eyes, so that we have not slept the Sleep of
Death.

Thou hast preserved us *from the Pestilence* Psal. 91. 6,
that walketh in Darkness, and from the Malice
of the Rulers of the Darkness of this World, the Eph. 6. 12.
roaring Lion that goes about seeking to devour: 1 Pet. 5. 8.
He that keepeth Israel, and neither slumbers nor Psal. 121. 4.
siceps, has kept us, and so we have been safe.

But we cannot say with thy Servant David,
that when we awake we are still with thee, Psal. 139. 18.

Pfal. 119. 148. that our Eyes have prevented the Night Watches, that we might meditate in thy Word; but vain

Jer. 4. 14. Thoughts still lodge within us. O pardon our

Pfal. 143. 8, 10. Sins, and cause us to bear thy Loving-kindness this Morning, for in thee do we trust; cause us to know the Way wherein we should walk, for we lift up our Souls unto thee: Teach us to do thy Will, for thou art our God, thy Spirit is good, lead us into the Way and Land of Uprightness.

Pfal. 121. 7, 8. And now let the Lord preserve and keep us from all Evil this Day, yea let the Lord pre-

—91. 11, 12. serve our Souls: Lord, preserve our going out, and coming in; Give thine Angels charge concerning us, to bear us up in their Hands, and keep

Ezr. 3. 4. us in all our Ways. And give us Grace to do the Work of the Day in its Day, as the Duty of the Day requires.

2. In our Evening Prayers.

Pfal. 65. 8. Thou, O God, makest the Outgoings of the Evening, as well as of the Morning, to rejoice;

—104. 23. for thereby thou callest us from our Work and

Mar. 6. 31. our Labour, and biddest us rest a while. And

Pfal. 116. 7. now let our Souls return to thee, and repose in thee as our Rest, because thou hast dealt bounti-

Jer. 31. 26. fully with us; so shall our Sleep be sweet to us.

Pfal. 68. 19. Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with

Pfal. 121. 8. his Benefits, who hath this Day preserv'd our going out and coming in: And now we have

Mat. 6. 11, 12. received from thee our daily Bread, we pray, Father, forgive us our Trespases.

Pfal. 4. 8. And we will lie us down and sleep; for thou, Lord, makest us to dwell in safety: Make a

Job 1. 10. Hedge of Protection (we pray thee) about us and about our House, and about all that we have

Pfal. 34. 7. round about. Let the Angels of God encamp round about us to deliver us; that we may

lie

lie down, and none may make us afraid. Job 11. 19.

Into thy hands we commit our Spirits; that in Psal. 31. 5. Slumberings upon the Bed, our Ears may be open'd, Job 33. 15. and Instruction sealed; And let the Lord give us Psal. 16. 7. Counsel, and let our Reins instruct us in the Night Season; Visit us in the Night and try us, and enable us to commune with our own Hearts upon our Bed. —17. 3. —4. 4.

Give us to remember thee upon our Bed, and Psal. 63. 6. to meditate upon thee in the Night Watches, with the Saints that are joyful in Glory, and that sing aloud upon their Beds. —149. 5.

3. In craving a Blessing before Meat.

Thou, O Lord, givest Food to all Flesh, Psal. 136. 25. for thy Mercy endures for ever. The Eyes of all —145. 15. wait on thee; but especially thou givest Meat —111. 5. to them that fear thee, being ever mindful of thy Covenant.

Thou art our Life and the Length of our Days, Deut. 30. 20. the God that hast fed us all our Life long unto Gen. 48. 15. this Day: Thou givest us all things richly to 1 Tim. 6. 17. enjoy, tho' we serve thee but poorly. Thou hast not only given us every green Herb, and Gen. 1. 29. the Fruits of the Trees to be to us for Meat, but —9. 3. every moving thing that liveth even as the green Herb.

And blessed be God, that now under the Gospel we are taught to call nothing common Acts 10. 15. or unclean, and that it is not that which goes in- Mat. 15. 11. to the Man that defiles the Man, but that every Creature of God is good, and nothing to be re- 1 Tim. 4. 3, 4. fus'd; for God hath created it to be received with Thanksgiving of them which believe and know the Truth.

We acknowledge we are not worthy of the Mat. 15. 27. least Crumb that falls from the Table of thy Providence: Thou might'st justly take away

Isa. 3. 1. from us the *Stay of Bread*, and the *Stay of*
 Ezek. 4. 16. *Water*, and make us to eat our *Bread by Weight*,
 and to *drink our Water by Measure*, and with
 Astonishment; because when we have been
 Deut. 32. 15. *fed to the full*, we have forgotten God our Ma-
 ker. But let our Sins be pardon'd, we pray
 Psal. 69. 22. thee, that our *Table may not become a Snare be-*
fore us, nor that be made a *Trap*, which should
 have been for our *Welfare*.

1 Tim. 4. 5. We know that every thing is sanctified by the
 Word of God and Prayer; and that Man lives
 Mat. 4. 4. not by Bread alone, but by every Word that pro-
 ceedeth out of the Mouth of God; and therefore,
 according to our Master's Example, we look
 Mat. 14. 19. up to Heaven, and pray for a Blessing upon
 Psal. 132. 15. our Food, abundantly bless our Provision.

Jude 12. Lord, grant that we may not feed our selves
 Phil. 3. 19. without fear, that we may not make a God of
 our Belly, that our Hearts may never be over-
 Luke 21. 34. charged with Surfeiting or Drunkenness, but that
 1 Cor. 10. 31. whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, we
 may do all to the Glory of God.

4. In returning Thanks after our Meat.

Deut. 8. 10. Now we have eaten and are full, we bless thee
 for the good Land thou hast given us. Thou pre-
 parest a Table for us in the Presence of our Ene-
 mies, thou anointest our Head, and our Cup
 runs over.

Psal. 16. 5, 6. Thou, Lord, art the Portion of our Inheri-
 tance and of our Cup, thou maintainest our Lot,
 so that we have reason to say, The Lines are
 fallen to us in pleasant Places, and we have a
 goodly Heritage.

John 6. 27, Especially we bless thee for the Bread of
 33, 34. Life, which came down from Heaven, which
 was given for the Life of the World, Lord, ever-
 more give us that Bread; and Wisdom to labour
 less

less for the Meat which perisheth, and more for that which endures to everlasting Life.

The Lord give Food to the Hungry, and send Portions to them for whom nothing is prepared. Psal. 146. 7.

Let us be of those blessed ones that shall eat Bread in the Kingdom of God, that shall eat the hidden Manna. Luke 14. 15. Rev. 2. 17.

5. When we are going a Journey.

Lord, keep us in the Way that we go, and let no evil thing befall us: I let us have a prosperous Journey by the Will of God, and with thy favour let us be compass'd where-ever we go as with a Shield. Gen. 28. 20. Psal. 91. 10. Rom. 1. 10. Psal. 5. 12.

Let us walk in our Way safely, and let not our Foot stumble, or dash against a Stone. Prov. 3. 23. Psal. 91. 12.

Direct our Way in every thing, and enable us to order all our Affairs with Discretion, and the Lord send us good speed, and shew Kindness to us. 1 Theff. 1. 11. Psal. 112. 5. Gen. 24. 12.

And the Lord watch over us when we are absent the one from the other. —31. 49.

6. When we return from a Journey.

Blessed be the Lord God of Abraham, who hath not left us destitute of his Mercy and his Truth. Gen. 24. 27.

All our Bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto thee, for thou keepest all our Bones. Psal. 35. 10. —34. 20.

It is God that girdeth us with Strength, and maketh our Way perfect. Psal. 18. 32.

7. On the Evening before the Lord's-day.

Now give us to remember that to morrow is the Sabbath of the Lord, and that it is a high Day, holy of the Lord and honourable, and give us Grace so to sanctify our selves, that to morrow the Lord may do Wonders among us; and to mind the Work of our Preparation now the Sabbath draws on. Exod. 16. 23. John 19. 31. Isa. 58. 13. Josh. 3. 5. Luke 23. 54.

When

Gen. 1. 31. When thou sawest every thing that thou hadst made in six Days, behold all was very good, but in many things we have all offended. O that by Repentance and Faith in Christ's Blood we may, wash not our Feet only, but also our Hands and our Head, and our Heart, and so may compass thine Altar, O Lord.

Heb. 4. 10. Now give us to rest from all our own Works, and to leave all our worldly Cares at the bottom of the Hill, while we go up into the Mount to worship God, and return again to them.

8. On the Morning of the Lord's Day.
 Psal. 118. 27. We bless thee, Lord, who hath shewed us Light, and that the Light we see is the Lord's; that we see one more of the Days of the Son of Man; a Day to be spent in thy Courts, which is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Luke 17. 22. Luke 10. 21, 23, 24. We thank thee, Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth, that the things which were hid from the Wise and Prudent, are revealed unto us Babes, even so, Father, because it seemed good in thine Eyes: That our Eyes see, and our Ears hear that which many Propbets and Kings desir'd to see, desir'd to hear, and might not; That Life and Immortality are brought to light by the Gospel.

2 Tim. 1. 10. And now, O that we may be in the Spirit on the Lord's Day! that we may call the Sabbath a Delight, and may honour the Son of Man, who is Lord also of the Sabbath Day, not doing our own Ways, or finding our own Pleasure, or speaking our own Words.

9. At the Entrance upon the publick Worship on the Lord's Day by the Masters of the Assemblies.

Psal. 89. 7. Thou (O God) art greatly to be fear'd in the Assembly of the Saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about thee. O give us
 Grace

Grace to worship thee with Reverence and Heb. 12. 28,
godly Fear, because thou our God art a consuming²⁹
Fire.

This is that which thou hast said, That thou Lev. 10. 32.
wilt be sanctified in them which come nigh unto
thee, and before all the People thou wilt be glori-
fied. Thou art the Lord that sanctifiest us, Ezek. 20. 12.
sanctify us by thy Truth, that we may sanctify John 17. 17.
thee in our Hearts, and make thee our Fear and Isa. 8. 13.
our Dread.

We come together to give Glory to the
Great Jehovah, who in six Days made Heaven Exod. 20. 11.
and Earth, the Sea and all that in them is, and
rested the seventh Day, and therefore blessed a
Sabbath Day, and hallowed it. And our Help Psal. 124. ult.
stands in the Name of the Lord, who made Hea-
ven and Earth.

O let us be new Creatures, thy Workmanship 2 Cor. 5. 17.
created in Christ Jesus unto good Works; And Eph. 2. 10.
let that God who on the first Day of the World
commanded the Light to shine out of Darkness, on 2 Cor. 4. 6.
this first Day of the Week shine into our Hearts
to give us the Light of the Knowledge of the Glory
of God in the Face of Jesus Christ.

We come together to give Glory to the
Lord Jesus Christ, and to sanctify this Sab-
bath to his Honour, who was the Stone that Psal. 118. 22,
the Builders refus'd, but is now become the Head^{23, 24}
Stone of the Corner. This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our Eyes: This is the Day
which the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be
glad in it: He is the first and the last, who Rev. 2. 8.
was dead and is alive.

O that we may this Day experience the
Power of Christ's Resurrection, and may be Phil. 3. 10.
planted together in the Likeness of it, that as Rom. 6. 4, 5.
Christ was raised up from the Dead by the Glory
of

Eph. 2. 6.
Col. 3. 1. of the Father ; so we also may walk in Newness of Life, and may sit with him in heavenly Places ; and by seeking the things that are above, may make it to appear that we are risen with him.

Acts 1. 4, 8.
—2. 1. We come together to give Glory to the Blessed Spirit of Grace, and to celebrate the Memorial of the giving of that Promise of the Father, in whom the Apostles received Power on the first Day of the Week, as on that Day Christ rose.

Eph. 5. 8, 18. O that we may this Day be filled with the Holy Ghost, and that the Fruit of the Spirit in us may be in all Goodness, and Righteousness, and Truth.

1 Cor. 10. 17.
—8. 6.
—12. 11. We come together to testify our Communion with the Universal Church, that tho' we are many, yet we are one ; that we worship one and the same God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him, in the Name of one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him ; under the Conduct of the same Spirit, one and the self-same Spirit, who divideth to every Man severally as he will, walking by the same Rule, looking for the same blessed Hope, and the glorious Appearing of the great God and our Saviour.

Gal. 6. 16.
Tit. 2. 13. 10. In our Preparation for the Lord's Supper.

Prov. 9. 5.
Mat. 5. 6.
Rev. 19. 9.
Mat. 22. 11. Now we are invited to come eat of Wisdom's Bread, and drink of the Wine that she has mingled, give us to hunger and thirst after Righteousness ; And being called to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, Give us the Wedding Garment.

Cant. 4. 16. Awake, O North Wind, and come thou South, and blow upon our Garden, that the Spices thereof may flow forth ; and then let our Beloved come

into his Garden, and eat his pleasant Fruits.

Draw us, and we will run after thee; bring us into the Chambers, that there we may be glad and rejoice in thee, and may remember thy Love more than Wine. And when the King sits at his Table, let our Spikenard send forth the Smell thereof.

And the good Lord pardon every one that pre-2 Chr. 30. 18, pareth his Heart to seek God, the Lord God of his Fathers, tho' he be not cleansed according to the Purification of the Sanctuary: Hear our Prayers, and heal the People.

II. In the celebrating of the Lord's Supper.

O let this Cup of Blessing, which we bless, be the Communion of the Blood of Christ, let this Bread which we break be the Communion of the Body of Christ, and enable us herein to shew the Lord's Death, till he come.

Now let us be joined to the Lord in an everlasting Covenant; so joined to the Lord, as to become one Spirit with him. Now let us be made Partakers of Christ by holding fast the Beginning of our Confidence stedfast to the End.

Let Christ's Flesh be Meat indeed to us, and his Blood Drink indeed; and give us so by Faith to eat his Flesh, and drink his Blood, that he may dwell in us, and we in him, and we may live by him.

Let the Cross of Christ, which is to the Jews a stumbling Block, and to the Greeks Foolishness, be to us the Wisdom of God and the Power of God.

Seal to us the Remission of Sins, the Gift of the Holy Ghost, and the Promise of Eternal Life, and enable us to take this Cup of Salvation, and to call on the Name of the Lord.

12. After

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Rev. 3. 11. And now, Lord, give us to hold fast that which we have received, that no Man take our

1 Chr. 29. 18. Crown: And keep it always in the Imagination of the Thought of our Heart, and prepare our Hearts unto thee.

Col. 2. 6. Give us Grace, as we have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so to walk in him, that our

Phil. 1. 27. Conversation may be in every thing as becomes his Gospel.

2 Cor. 4. 10. O that we may now bear about with us continually the dying of the Lord Jesus, so as that

the Life also of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal Body, that to us to live may be Christ.

Phil. 1. 21. Thy Vows are upon us, O God: O that we may be daily performing our Vows.

Psal. 96. 12. —61. 8. 13. Upon occasion of the Baptism of a Child.

Ezek. 18. 4. To thee, O God, whose all Souls are, the Souls of the Parents and the Souls of the Children,

Rom. 12. 1. we present this Child a living Sacrifice, which we desire may be holy and acceptable, and that

Mat. 28. 19. it may be given up and dedicated to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Psal. 51. 5. It is conceived in Sin, but there is a Fountain open'd: O wash the Soul of this Child in that

Fountain, now it is by thine appointment wash'd with pure Water.

Acts 3. 25. 'Tis one of the Children of the Covenant, Ezek. 16. 20. one of the Children that is born unto thee, 'tis

Psal. 116. 16. thy Servant born in thy House: O make good thy antient Covenant that thou wilt be a God

Gal. 3. 14. to Believers and to their Seed; for this Blessing of Abraham comes upon the Gentiles, and the Pro-

Acts 2. 39. mise is still to us and to our Children.

Thou hast encourag'd us to bring little Children to thee; for thou hast said, that such is the Kingdom of God: Blessed Jesus, take up this Child in the Arms of thy Power and Grace, put thy Hands upon it, and bless it; let it be a Vessel of Honour, sanctified, and meet for the Master's Use, and owned as one of thine in that Day when thou makest up thy Jewels.

Mar. 10. 14.
16.
2 Tim. 2. 21.
Mal. 3. 17.

O pour thy Spirit upon our Seed, thy Blessing upon our Offspring, that they may spring up as Willows by the Water-courses, and may come to subscribe with their own Hands unto the Lord, and to surname themselves by the Name of Israel.

Isa. 44. 3, 4, 5.

14. Upon occasion of a Funeral.

Lord, give us to find it good for us to go to the House of Mourning, that we may be minded thereby of the End of all Men, and may lay it to our Heart, and may be so wise as to consider our latter End; for we also must be gather'd to our People, as our Neighbours and Brethren are gather'd: And tho' whither those that are dead in Christ are gone we cannot follow them now, yet grant that we may follow them afterwards, every one in his own Order.

Eccl. 7. 2.

Deut. 32. 29.

Num. 27. 13.

John 13. 36.

1 Cor. 15. 23.

We know that thou wilt bring us to Death, and to the House appointed for all living; But let us not see Death, till by Faith we have seen the Lord Christ, and then let us depart in Peace according to thy Word; And when the earthly House of this Tabernacle shall be dissolv'd, let us have a Building of God, a House not made with Hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Job 30. 23.

Luke 2. 26.

29.

2 Cor. 5. 1.

And give us to know that our Redeemer liveth, and that tho' after our Skins Worms destroy these Bodies, yet in our Flesh we shall see God; whom

Job 19. 25;

26.

whom we shall see for our selves, and our Eyes shall behold, and not another.

15. Upon occasion of a Marriage.

1 Cor. 7. 39. Give to those that marry to marry in the Lord; and let the Lord Jesus by his Grace

John 2. 1. come to the Marriage, and turn the Water into Wine.

Gen. 2. 18. Make them Helps meet for each other, and

1 Cor. 7. 16. instrumental to promote one another's Salvation,

1 John 4. 16. and give them to live in holy Love, that they may dwell in God, and God in them.

Psal. 128. 3. Let the Wife be as a fruitful Vine by the Side

1 Pet. 3. 7. of the House, and the Husband dwell with the

Wife as a Man of Knowledge; and let them

dwell together as joint Heirs of the Grace of Life,

that their Prayers be not hinder'd. And make

Luke 20. 35. us all meet for that World where they neither

marry, nor are given in Marriage.

16. Upon occasion of the ordaining of Ministers.

2 Tim. 2. 2. Let the things of God be committed to faith-

ful Men, who may be able also to teach others,

John 5. 35. and make them such burning and shining Lights,

as that it may appear it was Christ Jesus who

2 Tim. 1. 13. put them into the Ministry; and let not Hands

—5. 22. be suddenly laid on any.

Col. 4. 17. Give to those who are ordain'd to take heed

to the Ministry which they have received of the

2 Tim. 4. 5. Lord, that they fulfil it, and to make full proof

of it by watching in all things.

Luke 24. 47, 49. Let those who in Christ's Name are to

preach Repentance and Remission of Sins, be en-

1 Sam. 10. 9. dued with Power from on high, give them ano-

ther Spirit, and make them good Ministers of

1 Tim. 4. 6. Jesus Christ, nourished up in the Words of Faith

and good Doctrine.

17. Upon occasion of the Want of Rain.

Thou

Thou hast *with-holden the Rain from us, and* Amos 4. 7. *caus'd it to rain upon one City, and not upon another, yet have we not returned unto thee.*

But thou hast said *when Heaven is shut up* 1 Kings 8. 35, *that there is no Rain, because we have sinned a-* 36. *gainst thee, if we confess thy Name and turn from our Sins, thou wilt hear from Heaven, and forgive our Sin, and give Rain upon our Land.*

We ask of thee the former and later Rain, and Zech. 10. 1. *depend upon thee for it; for there are not any of the Vanities of the Heathen that can give Rain, Jer. 14. 22. nor can the Heavens give Showers; but we wait on thee, for thou hast made all these things.*

18. Upon occasion of excessive Rain.

Let the Rain thou sendest be *in mercy to our* Job 37. 13. *Land, and not for Correction, not a sweeping Rain, which leaveth no Food.* Prov. 28. 3.

Thou hast sworn that the Waters of Noah Isa. 54. 9. *shall no more return to cover the Earth; Let fair Weather therefore come out of the North, for Job 37. 22. with thee is terrible Majesty.*

19. Upon occasion of infectious Diseases.

Take Sickness away from the midst of us, and Exod. 23. 25. *deliver us from the noisome Pestilence.* Psal. 91. 3.

Appoint the destroying Angel to put up his 2 Sam. 24. 16. *Sword into the Sheath, and to stay his Hand.*

20. Upon occasion of Fire.

Thou callest to contend by Fire, we bewail Amos 7. 5. *the Burning which the Lord hath kindled; O Lev 10. 6. Lord God, cease, we beseech thee, and let the Amos 7. 6. Fire be quench'd, as that kindled in Israel was Numb. 11. 2. at the Prayer of Moses.*

21. Upon occasion of great Storms.

Lord, thou hast *the Winds in thy hands, and* Prov. 30. 4. *bringest them out of thy Treasures, even stormy* Psal. 135. 7. *Winds fulfil thy Word: O preserve us and our* —148. 8. *Habitations, that we be not buried in the*

Job i. 19. Ruins of them, as Job's Children were.

22. Upon occasion of the Cares, and Burthens, and Afflictions of particular Persons : As,

1. When we pray with or for those that are troubled in Mind, and melancholy, and under Doubts and Fears about their spiritual State.

Isa. 50. 10. Lord, enable those that *fear thee*, and obey the *Voice of thy Servant*, but *walk in Darkness*, and have no *Light*, to trust in the *Name of the Lord*, and to stay themselves upon their God ;

Zech. 14. 7. And at Evening time let it be *Light*.

Isa. 35. 3, 4. O strengthen the weak Hands, confirm the feeble Knees, say to them that are of a fearful

Zech. 1. 13. Heart, Be strong, fear not : Answer them with good Words and comfortable Words ; saying unto

Mat. 9. 2. them, Be of good cheer, your Sins are forgiven

Mar. 6. 50. you ; Be of good cheer, it is I, be not afraid, I

Plal. 35. 3. am your Salvation ; And make them to hear this

—51. 8. Voice of Joy and Gladness, that broken Bones may rejoice.

Plal. 77. 2, 3. Let those who now remember God and are troubled, whose Spirits are overwhelmed, and whose Souls refuse to be comforted, be enabled

—13. 15. to trust in thy Mercy, so that at length they

Job 13. 5. may rejoice in thy Salvation ; tho' thou slay them yet to trust in thee.

Plal. 42. 7, 8, 11. The Deep calls unto Deep, and all thy Waves and thy Billows go over them ; yet do thou command thy Loving-kindness for them in the Day-

time, and in the Night, let thy Song be with them,

and their Prayer to the God of their Life ; Tho' their Souls are cast down, and disquieted within

them, give them to hope in God, that they shall yet praise him, and let them find him the

Health of their Countenance and their God.

O renew a right Spirit within them, cast them Psal. 51. 10,
not away from thy Presence, and take not thy 11, 12, 14.
holy Spirit from them, but restore unto them the
Joy of thy Salvation, and uphold them with thy
free Spirit, that their Tongues may sing aloud of
thy Righteousness, and shew forth thy Salvation. —71. 18.

O bring them up out of this horrible Pit, and Psal. 40. 2, 3.
this miry Clay, and set their Feet upon a Rock,
establishing their goings, and put a new Song into
their Mouth; even Praises to our God: O comfort —90. 15.
them again now after the time that thou hast af-
flicted them.

Tho' for a small moment thou hast forsaken Ila. 54. 7, 8.
them, and hid thy Face from them, yet gather
them, and have Mercy on them with everlasting
Kindness.

O let thy Spirit witness with their Spirits, Rom. 8. 16.
that they are the Children of God; and by the
Blood of Christ let them be purged from an evil Heb. 10. 22.
Conscience.

Lord, rebuke the Tempter, even the Accu-
ser of the Brethren, the Lord that hath chosen Je-
rusalem rebuke him, and let poor tempted
troubled Souls be as Brands pluck'd out of the
Burning.

2. Those that are under Convictions of
Sin, and begin to be concern'd about their
Souls, and their Salvation, and to enquire
after Christ.

Those that are asking the Way to Zion with Ier. 50. 5.
their Faces thitherward, that are lamenting after 1 Sam. 7. 2.
the Lord, and are prick'd to the Heart for Sin, Acts 2. 37.
O shew them the good and the right Way, and 1 Sam. 12. 23.
lead them in it.

To those who are asking what they shall do Mat. 19. 16.
to inherit Eternal Life, discover Christ as the
Way, the Truth and the Life, the only true and John 14. 6.
living Way.

Mat. 12. 20. O do not quench the smoking Flax, nor break the bruised Reed, but bring forth Judgment unto Victory. Let the great Shepherd of the Sheep

Isa. 40. 11. gather the Lambs in his Arms, and carry them in his Bosom, and gently lead them, and help

Mt. 9. 24. them against their Unbelief.

Rev. 12. 4, 5. Let not the Red Dragon devour the Man Child as soon as it is born, but let it be caught up to God and to his Throne.

3. When we pray with or for those that are sick and weak, and distemper'd in Body; that those who are sick and in Sin may be convinced, those who are sick and in Christ comforted.

Jam. 5. 14, 15. Lord, thou hast appointed those that are sick to be pray'd for, and pray'd with, and hast promis'd that the Prayer of Faith shall save the Sick; Lord, help us to pray in Faith for the Sick, and as being our selves also in the Body.

Mat. 4. 23, 24. When our Lord Jesus was here upon Earth, we find that they brought to him all sick People that were taken with divers Diseases and Torments, and he healed all manner of Sickness and all manner of Disease among the People: And he hath still the same Power over bodily Diseases that ever he had; he saith to

—8. 8, 9. them, Go, and they go; Come, and they come; Do this, and they do it; and can speak the Word, and they shall be healed. And he is still

Heb. 4. 15. touched with the Feeling of our Infirmities; In the Belief of this, we do by Prayer bring our

Luke 5. 18. Friends that are sick, and lay them before him.

Lord, grant that those who are sick may neither despise the chast'ning of the Lord, nor faint when they are rebuked of him; but that they may both bear the Rod, and him that has

appointed it, and may kiss the Rod, and accept Lev. 26. 41.
of the Punishment of their Iniquity.

Give them to see that Affliction cometh not Job 5. 6, 8.
forth out of the Dust, nor springs out of the
Ground, that they may therefore seek unto God, 2 Chr. 16. 12.
to the Lord more than to the Physicians, because
unto God the Lord belong the Issues of Life and Psal. 68. 20.
Death.

Lord, shew them wherefore thou contendest Job 10. 2.
with them, and give them in their Affliction to 2 Chr. 32. 12.
humble themselves greatly before the God of their
Fathers, and to repent and turn from every evil Jer. 18. 11.
Way, and make their Ways and their Doings
good, that being judged and chastened of the Lord, 1 Cor. 11. 32.
they may not be condemned with the World. By
the Sickness of the Body, and the Sadness of Eccl. 7. 3.
the Countenance let the Heart be made better.

O Lord, rebuke them not in thine Anger, nei- Psal. 6. 1, 2
ther chasten them in thy hot Displeasure: Have
Mercy upon them, O Lord, for they are weak:
Lord heal them, for their Bones are vexed, their
Souls also are sore vexed: Return, O Lord, and
deliver their Souls, save them for thy Mercy's
sake; and lay no more upon them than thou 1 Cor. 10. 13.
wilt enable them to bear, and enable them to bear
what thou dost lay upon them.

When thou with Rebukes dost chasten Man for Psal. 39. 10.
Sin, thou makest his Beauty to consume away like 11, 13.
a Moth; surely every Man is Vanity. But re-
move thy Stroke, we pray thee, from those that
are even consumed by the Blow of thine Hand:
O spare a little, that they may recover Strength
before they go hence and be no more.

Those that are chasten'd with Pain upon Job 33. 19.
their Bed, and the Multitude of their Bones with 20, 23, 24.
strong Pain, so that their Life abhorreth Bread,
and their Soul dainty Meats, shew them thine

Uprightness, be gracious to them, Deliver them from going down to the Pit, for thou hast found a Ransom.

Deut. 33. 27. *Let the Eternal God be their Refuge, and underneath them be the everlasting Arms; Consider their Frame, remember that they are but Dust.*

Psal. 103. 14. *their Frame, remember that they are but Dust.*
 Psal. 41. 1, 2, 3, 4. *O deliver those that are thine in the time of Trouble, preserve them, and keep them alive: O strengthen them upon the Bed of Languishing, and make all their Bed in their Sicknes: Be merciful to them, and heal their Souls, for they have sinned.*

Psal. 25. 16, 17, 18. *O turn to them, and have mercy upon them, bring them out of their Distresses; look upon their Affliction and their Pain, but especially forgive all their Sin.*

Psal. 31. 16. *Make thy Face to shine upon them, save them for thy Mercy's sake: The God that comforteth them that are cast down, comfort them; and let the Soul dwell at ease in thee, when the Body lies in Pain.*

(If it be the Beginning of a Distemper)
 Job 38. 11. *Lord, set bounds to this Sicknes, and say, Hitherto it shall come, and no further: Let it not prevail to extremity, but in measure when it shooteth forth do thou debate, and stay thy rough Wind in the Day of thine East Wind; and by this let Iniquity be purged, and let this be all the Fruit, even the taking away of Sin.*

Jam. 1. 4. (If it have continued long) *Lord, let Patience have its perfect Work, even unto long-suffering, that those who have been long in the Furnace may continue hoping and quietly waiting for the Salvation of the Lord: Let Tribulation work Patience, and Patience Experience, and Experience a Hope that maketh not ashamed; and enable them to call even this Affliction*
 Lam. 3. 26. *light*
 Rom. 5. 3, 4.

light and but for a moment, seeing it to work for ² Cor. 4. 17. them a far more exceeding and eternal Weight of Glory.

(If there be Hopes of Recovery) Lord, when thou hast tried them, let them come forth Job 23. 10. like Gold; Let their Souls live, and they shall praise thee, let thy Judgments help them: O deal Psal. 119. 175, bountifully with them, that they may live, and ¹⁷ keep thy Word. In love to their Souls deliver them Isa. 38. 16, 17. from the Pit of Corruption, and cast all their Sins behind thy Back. Recover them, and make them to live. Speak the word, and they shall be healed; Mat. 8. 8. say unto them, Live, yea, say unto them, Live, Ezek. 16. 6, 8. and the time shall be a time of Love. Father, if it be possible, let the Cup pass away; however not Mat. 26. 39. as we will, but as thou wilt: The Will of the Lord be done. Perfect that which concerns them; thy Psal. 138. 8. Mercy, O Lord, endures for ever, forsake not the Work of thy own Hands; but whether they Rom. 14. 8. live or die, let them be the Lord's.

(If they be in appearance at the Point of Death.)

Now the Flesh and the Heart are failing, Psal. 73. 26. Lord, be thou the Strength of the Heart, and an everlasting Portion: In the Vally of the Shadow — 23. 4. of Death, Lord, be thou present, as the good Shepherd with a guiding Rod, and a supporting Staff. O do not fail them nor forsake Heb. 13. 5. them now. Be a very present Help: Into thy Psal. 46. 1. hands we commit the departing Spirit, as into — 31. 5. the hands of a faithful Creator, by the hands of 1 Pet. 4. ult. him who has redeemed it. Let it be carried by Luke 16. 22, the Angels into Abraham's Bosom. Let it be presented to thee without Spot, or Wrinkle, or any Eph. 5. 27. such thing. Lord Jesus, receive this precious Acts 7. 59. Soul, let it come to the Spirits of just Men made Heb. 12. 25. perfect; when it is absent from the Body, let it ² Cor. 5. 8.

Luke 23. 43. *be present with the Lord! This Day let it be*
 —16. 25. *with thee in Paradise. Now let it be for ever*
 Rom. 6. 7. *comforted, and perfectly freed from Sin; and*
 Job 21. 33. *prepare us to draw after, as there are innume-*
 1 Thess. 4 ult. *rable before, that we may be together for ever*
 Rev. 21. 4. *with the Lord, there where there shall be no*
more Death, and where all Tears shall be wiped
away.

4. When we pray with or for those that are depriv'd of the Use of their Reason.

O look with pity upon those that are
 Luke 21. 19. *put out of the possession of their own Souls, whose*
 Job 27. 2. *Judgment is taken away, so that their Soul chu-*
 —7. 15. *seth Strangling and Death rather than Life: O*
 Luke 15. 17. *restore them to themselves and their right Mind.*
 Mar. 5. 15. *Deliver them from doing themselves any harm:*
 Acts 16. 28. *And whatever Afflictions thou layest upon*
any of us in this World, preserve to us the
Use of our Reason, and the Peace of our
Consciences.

5. When we pray with or for sick Children.

Rom. 5. 14. *Lord, we see Death reigning even over them*
 2 Tim. 1. 10. *that have not sinned after the similitude of A-*
 Mat. 18. 3. *dam's Transgression; but Jesus Christ hath abo-*
 Psal. 103. 13. *lished Death, and admitted even little Children*
 Job 14. 2, 6. *into the Kingdom of God. O let sick Children*
 be pitied by thee, as they are by their earthly
 Parents. They are come forth like Flowers, O
 let them not be cut down again: Turn from
 them, that they may rest till they shall have ac-
 2 Sam. 12. 22. *complish'd as a Hireling their Day. Be gracious*
 Acts 21. 14. *to us, and let the Children live. However,*
 1 Cor. 5. 5. *Father, thy Will be done. O let their Spirits*
be sav'd in the Day of the Lord Jesus.

6. When we pray with or for Families where Death is, especially such as have lost their Head.

Visit

Visit the Houses of Mourning as our Saviour did, and comfort them, by assuring them that *Christ is the Resurrection and the Life*, John 11. 25, that their Relations which are removed from them, *are not dead, but sleep*; and that they *shall rise again*, that they may not sorrow as those that have no Hope: And enable them to trust in the living God, the Rock of Ages, and enjoy the Fountain of living Waters, when Creatures prove broken Reeds and broken Cisterns.

Be a Father to the Fatherless, and a Husband to the Widows, O God, in thy holy Habitation. With thee let the Fatherless find Mercy, keep them alive, and let the Widows trust in thee, that they may be Widows indeed, who being desolate, trust in God, and continue in Prayer Night and Day. And where Father and Mother have forsaken, let the Lord take up the Children, and not leave them Orphans, but come to them.

7. When we pray with or for those Women that are near the time of Travel, or in Travel.

Lord, thou hast past this Sentence upon the Woman that was first in the Transgression, that in Sorrow she shall bring forth Children. But let this Handmaid of thine be saved in Childbearing, and continue in Faith, and Charity, and Holiness, with Sobriety. Enable her to cast her Burthen upon the Lord, and let the Lord sustain her; and what time she is afraid, grant that she may trust in thee, and may encourage her self in the Lord her God. O let not the Root be dried up from beneath, nor let the Branch be withered or cut off; but let both live before thee. Be thou her strong Habitation, her Rock, and her Fortress, give Commandment

to

1 Thess. 5. 3. *to save her. And when Travel comes upon her, which she cannot escape; be pleas'd, O Lord, to deliver her: O Lord make haste to help her: Be thou thy self her Help and Deliverer, make no tarrying, O our God: Let her be safely deliver'd, and remember the Anguish no more, for joy that a Child is born into the World, is born unto thee.*

8. When we pray with or for those that are recovered from Sicknes, or are deliver'd in Child-bearing, and desire to return Thanks unto God for his Mercy.

Psal. 30. 1, 7. *We will extol thee, O Lord, upon the account of those whom thou hast lifted up, whose Souls thou hast brought up from the Grave, and kept them alive, that they should not go down to the Pit. Those that were brought low thou hast helped, hast deliver'd their Souls from Death, their Eyes from Tears, and their Feet from falling. Now give them Grace to walk before thee in the Land of the Living, to offer to thee the Sacrifice of Thanksgiving, to call upon thy Name, and to pay their Vows unto the Lord.*

Isa. 38. 18, 19. *The Grave cannot thus praise thee, Death cannot celebrate thee, they that go down to the Pit cannot hope for thy Truth; but the Living, the Living they shall praise thee, as we do this day. Lord, grant that those who are deliver'd from Death may not be as the nine Lepers,*

Luke 17. 18. *who did not return to give Thanks, or as Hezekiah, who render'd not again according to the Benefit done unto him, but that they may so*

Psal. 30. 23. *offer Praise, as to glorify thee, and so order their Conversation, as to see the Salvation of God.*

Psal. 118. 18, 21. *Those whom the Lord hath chasten'd sore, yet he has not deliver'd over unto Death: O that they may therefore praise him, who is become their Salvation.*

9. When

9. When we pray with or for those Parents, whose Children are a Grief to them, or such as they are in fear about.

Lord, give to Parents the Desire of their Souls concerning *their Children*, which is to 2 John 4. *see them walking in the Truth, form Christ in Gal. 4. 19.* *their Souls.* O give them betimes to know the God of their Fathers, and to serve him with a 1 Chr. 28. 9. *perfect Heart and a willing Mind.* Let Children of the Youth, that are as *Arrows in the Hand,* Psal. 127. 4, 5. be directed aright, that those Parents may have reason to think themselves happy, that have their *Quiver full of them*, and they may never be *Arrows in the Heart.*

Let those foolish Children, that are the Grief of the Father, and the Heaviness of her that bare them, that mock at their Parents, and despise to obey them, be brought to Repentance, and let those that have been unprofitable now at length be made profitable. O turn the Hearts of the Children to the Fathers, even the Disobedient to the Wisdom of the Just, that they may be made ready a People prepared for the Lord. O show them their Work, and their Transgression, that they have exceeded; and open their Ear to Discipline.

Prov. 17. 25.
—30. 17.
Philem. 11.
Mal. 4. 6.
Luke 1. 17.
Job 36. 9, 10.
Isa. 29. 23,
24.

10. When we pray with or for those that are in Prison.

Those that sit in Darkness and in the Shadow of Death, being bound in Affliction and Iron, because they rebelled against the Words of God, and contemned the Counsel of the Most High, give them Grace to cry unto thee in their Trouble, and in a Day of Adversity to consider.

Psal. 107. 10,
11, 13.
Eccl. 7. 14.

In their Captivity give them to bethink themselves, to humble themselves, and pray, and seek thy Face, to repent, saying, we have

1 Kings 8. 41,
42.

Psal. 142. 7. *have sinned, and have done perversly, and to return unto thee with all their Heart, and with all their Soul; and thus bring their Souls out of Prison, that they may praise thy Name: Bring them into the glorious Liberty of the Children of God, out of the Bondage of Corruption. Let the Son make them free, and then they shall be free indeed.*

Gen. 39. 21. *Those that are wrongfully imprison'd be thou with them, as thou wast with Joseph in the Prison, and shew them Mercy. Hear the Psal. 69. 33. Poor, and despise not thy Prisoners, but let their sorrowful sighing come before thee, and according to the Greatness of thy Power preserve those that are unjustly appointed to die.*

11. When we pray with or for condemn'd Malefactors, that have but a little while to live.

Job 21. 21. *O look with pity upon those, the number of whose Months is to be cut off in the midst for their Sin: O give them Repentance unto Salvation, as thou didst to the Thief upon the Cross, that they may own the Justice of God in all that is brought upon them, that he has done right, but they have done wickedly: O turn them, and they shall be turned, that being instructed they may smite upon the Thigh, and may be ashamed, yea even confounded, because they do bear the Reproach of their own Iniquity.*

Jer. 31. 18, 19. *O pluck them as Brands out of the Fire; let them be deliver'd from the Wrath to come.*

Jos. 7. 19. *Enable them to give Glory to God by making Confession, that they may find Mercy, and that others may bear and fear, and do no more presumptuously.*

Prov. 28. 14. *Lord Jesus, remember them now thou art in thy Kingdom: O let them not be hurt of the second*

Deut. 17. 13. *others may bear and fear, and do no more presumptuously.*

Luke 23. 42. *thy Kingdom: O let them not be hurt of the*

Rev. 2. 11. *second*

*second Death: Deliver them from going down to Job 33. 24.
that Pit: Tho' the Flesh be destroy'd, O let the 1 Cor. 5. 5.
Spirit be sav'd in the Day of the Lord Jesus.
The God of infinite Mercy be merciful to these Luke 18. 13.
Sinners, these Sinners against their own Souls. Numb. 16. 38.*

12. When we pray with or for those that are at Sea.

Let those that go down to the Sea in Ships, Psal. 107. 23, that do Business in great Waters, observe the²⁴ Works of the Lord there, and his Wonders in the Deep; And acknowledge what a great God he Mat. 8. 27. is whom the Winds and the Seas obey; who hath placed the Sand for the Bound of the Sea, by a per- Jer. 5. 22. petual Decree, that it cannot pass it; and tho' the Waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; tho' they roar, yet can they not pass over.

O preserve them through the Paths of the Psal. 8. 8. Seas, and in Perils by Waters, and Perils by 2 Cor. 11. 26. Robbers. If the stormy Wind be rais'd, which lifteth up the Waves, so that they are at their Psal. 107. 25, wits end, deliver them out of their Distresses,^{27, 28, 29,} make the Storm a Calm, and bring them to their³⁰ desired Haven: And O that those who are deliver'd may praise the Lord for his Goodness, and for his wonderful Works to the Children of Men.

C H A P. VII.

Of the Conclusion of our Prayers.

WE are commanded to pray always, to pray without ceasing, to continue in Prayer, because we must always have in us a Disposition to this Duty, must be constant to it, and never grow weary

wearry of it, or throw it up; and yet we cannot be always praying, we must come down from this Mount; nor may we be over-long, so as to make the Duty a Task or a Toil to our selves, or those that join with us. We have other Work that calls for our Attendance. *Jacob* wrestles with the Angel; but he must go, for the Day breaks: We must therefore think of concluding. The Prayers of *David* the Son of *Jesse* must be ended. But how shall we conclude, so as to have the Impressions of the Duty kept always in the Imagination of the Thought of our Heart.

1. We may then sum up our Requests in some comprehensive Petitions, as the Conclusion of the whole matter.

Heb. 13. 20.

Now the God of Peace, that brought again from the Dead our Lord *Jesus*, that Great Shepherd of the Sheep, through the Blood of the everlasting Covenant make us perfect in every good Work to do his Will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight through *Christ Jesus*:

2 Thess. 3. 5.

Now the Lord direct our Hearts into the Love of God, and into a patient waiting for *Christ*.

1 Pet. 5. 10.

And the God of all Grace, who hath called us to his eternal Glory by *Christ Jesus*, after that we have suffer'd a while, make us perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle us.

Psal. 39. 7.

Gen. 17. 1.

And now, Lord, what wait we for? Truly our Hope is even in thee, and on thee do we depend to be to us a God All-sufficient.

Eph. 3. 20.

Do for us exceeding abundantly above what we are able to ask or think, according to the Power that worketh in us: And supply all our Needs according to thy Riches in Glory by *Christ Jesus*.

Phil. 4. 19.

2. We

2. We may then beg for the Audience and Acceptance of our poor weak Prayers, for Christ's sake.

Now the God of Israel grant us the things 1 Sam. 1. 17. we have requested of him.

Let the Words of our Mouths and the Meditations of our Hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Psal. 19. 14.

Let thine Eyes be open unto the Supplication of thy Servants, and unto the Supplication of thy People Israel, to hearken unto them in all that they call unto thee for ; for they be thy People and thine Inheritance. 1 Kings 8. 51, 52.

O our God, let thine Ears be attent unto the Prayers that we have made : O turn not away the Face of thine Anointed ; remember the Mercies of David thy Servant ; even Jesus, who is at thy Right Hand making Intercession for us. 2 Chr. 6. 40, 42.

Lord, thou hast assur'd us that whatever we ask the Father in Christ's Name, he will give it us : We ask all these things in that Name, that powerful Name which is above every Name, that precious Name which is as Ointment poured forth. O make thy Face to shine upon us for the Lord's sake, who is the Son of thy Love, and whom thou bearest always : Good Lord, give to us to hear him, and be well pleas'd with us in him. John 16. 23, Phil. 2. 9, Cant. 1. 3, Dan. 9. 17, Col. 1. 13, John 11. 42, Mat. 17. 5.

3. We may then beg for the Forgiveness of what has been amiss in our Prayers.

Lord, we have not pray'd as we ought ; who is there that doth good, and sins not ? Even when we would do Good Evil is present with us ; and if to will be present, yet how to perform that which is good we know not, for the good that we would we do not ; so that thou might'st justly refuse to hear even when we make many

Pray-

Exod. 28. 38. Prayers. But we have a great High Priest, who bears the Iniquity of the Holy Things, which the Children of Israel hallow in all their holy Gifts; for his sake take away all that Iniquity from us, even all the Iniquity of our Holy Things, and receive us graciously, and love us freely; And deal not with us after our Folly.

Hos. 14. 2.

Job 42. 3.

4. We may then recommend our selves to the Conduct, Protection and Government of the Divine Grace, in the further Services that lie before us, and in the whole Course of our Conversation.

Psal. 84. 6, 7. And now let us be enabled to go from Strength to Strength, until we appear before God in Zion, and while we pass through this Vally of Baca, let it be made a Well, and let the Rain of the Divine Grace and Blessing fill the Pools.

1 Sam. 3. 9. Now, speak, Lord, for thy Servants hear.
 Josh. 5. 14. What saith our Lord unto his Servants? Grant that we may not turn away our Ear from hearing the Law; for then our Prayers will be an Abomination; but may hearken unto God, that he may hearken unto us.
 Prov. 28. 9.
 Judg. 9. 7.

1 Kings 8. 57, 58, 61. And now the Lord our God be with us, as he was with our Fathers; let him not leave us nor forsake us; That he may incline our Hearts unto him, to walk in all his Ways, and to keep his Commandments, and his Statutes, and his Judgments; And let our Hearts be perfect with the Lord our God all our Days, and continue so till the End be, that then we may rest, and may stand in our Lot, and let it be a blessed Lot in the end of the Days.
 Dan. 12. 13.

5. We may conclude all with Doxologies, or solemn Praises of God, ascribing Honour and Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy

Holy Ghost, and sealing up all our Praises and Prayers with an affectionate *Amen*.

Now blessed be the Lord God of Israel, from Psal. 41. 13. everlasting to everlasting, *Amen and Amen*.

For ever blessed be the Lord God, the God of Psal. 72. 18, Israel, who only doth wondrous things, and bles-^{19.} sed be his glorious Name for ever, and let the whole Earth be filled with his Glory, *Amen and Amen*. Yea; let all the People say, *Amen, Hal-* —106. 48: *lelujah*.

To God only Wise be Glory through Jesus Christ Rom. 16. 27. for ever, *Amen*.

Now to God the Father; and our Lord Jesus Gal. 1. 3, 4, 5. Christ, who gave himself for our Sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil World, according to the Will of God and our Father, be Glory for ever and ever, *Amen*.

To God be Glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, Eph. 3. 21. throughout all Ages, World without end, *Amen*.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, 1 Tim. 1. 17: the only wise God, be Honour and Glory for ever and ever, *Amen*: To him be Honour and Power —6. 16. everlasting, to him be Glory and Dominion, *Amen*. 1 Pet. 5. 11.

Now unto him that is able to keep us from fal- Jude 24, 25. ling, and to present us faultless before the Presence of his Glory with exceeding Joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be Glory and Majesty, Dominion and Power, now and ever, *Amen*.

Hallelujah, Salvation, and Glory, and Ho- Rev. 19. 1, 4. nour, and Power unto the Lord our God, *Amen*, Hallelujah.

And now, we prostrate our Souls before the Rev. 7. 11, Throne, and worship God, saying, *Amen*, Bles- 12. sing, and Glory, and Wisdom, and Thanksgiving, and Honour, and Power, and Might, be unto our God for ever and ever, *Amen*.

Rev. 5. 13.

Blessing, and Honour, and Glory, and Power, be unto him that sitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever; And let the whole Creation say, Amen, Amen.

6. It is very proper to sum up our Prayers in that Form of Prayer which Christ taught his Disciples.

Mat. 6. 9, 10,
11, 12, 13.

Our Father which art in Heaven; Hallowed be thy Name; thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven; Give us this Day our daily Bread; and forgive us our Trespases as we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil; For thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

C H A P. VIII.

A Paraphrase on the Lord's Prayer, in Scripture Expressions.

THE Lord's Prayer being intended not only for a Form of Prayer itself, but a Rule of Direction, a Plan or Model in little, by which we may frame our Prayers; and the Expressions being remarkably concise, and yet vastly comprehensive, it will be of good use sometimes to lay it before us, and observing the Method and Order of it, to dilate upon the several Passages and Petitions of it, that when we use it only as a Form, we may use it the more intelligently; of which we shall only here give a Specimen in the Assistance we may have from some other Scriptures.

OUR

[OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN.]

O Lord our God; doubtless thou art our Father, tho' Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not; thou, O Lord, art our Father, our Redeemer, thy Name is from everlasting; And we will from this time cry unto thee; our Father, thou art the Guide of our Youth.

Have we not all one Father, has not one God created us? Thou art the Father of our Spirits; to whom we ought to be in subjection and live.

Thou art the Father of Lights, and the Father of Mercies, and the God of all Consolation: Eternal Father; of whom, and through whom, and to whom are all things.

Thou art the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose Glory was that of the only begotten of the Father, who is in his Bosom; by him as one brought up with him, daily his Delight, and rejoicing always before him.

Thou art in Christ our Father; and the Father of all Believers, whom thou hast predestinated to the Adoption of Children, and into whose Hearts thou hast sent the Spirit of the Son, teaching them to cry, Abba, Father. Behold what manner of Love the Father hath bestow'd upon us, that we should be called the Children of God; That the Lord God Almighty should be to us a Father, and we should be to him for Sons and Daughters; And that as many as receive Christ, to them thou shouldst give Power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name; which are born not of the Will of Man, but of God, and his Grace.

O that we may receive the Adoption of Sons, and that as obedient and genuine Children we may fashion our selves according to the Example of him who hath called us, who is holy; and

Eph. 5. 1. may be Followers of God as dear Children, and
 Rom. 8. 29. conform'd to the Image of his Son; who is the
 First born among many Brethren.

Enable us to come to thee with humble
 Eph. 3: 12. Boldness and Confidence, as to a Father, a
 Mal. 3. 17. tender Father, who spares us as a Man spares
 his Son that serves him; and as having an Ad-
 1 John 2. 2. vocate with the Father, who yet has told us,
 John 16. 27. that the Father himself loves us.

Mal. 1. 6. Thou art a Father, but where is thine Ho-
 Heb. 12. 28. nour? Lord, give us Grace to serve thee as
 becomes Children, with Reverence and godly
 Fear.

Thou art a Father, and if earthly Parents,
 Luke 11. 13. being evil, yet know how to give good Gifts unto
 their Children, how much more shall our heavenly
 Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him.

Zech. 12. 10. Lord, give us the Spirit of Grace and Suppli-
 cation.

We come to thee as Prodigal Children
 Luke 15. 13, 17, 18, 19. that have gone from our Father's House into the
 far Country; but we will arise and go to our
 Father, for in his House there is Bread enough
 and to spare, and if we continue at a distance
 from him, we perish with Hunger. Father, we
 have sinned against Heaven and before thee, and
 are no more worthy to be called thy Children, make
 us even as thy hired Servants.

Psal. 86. 4. Thou art our Father in Heaven, and there-
 Psal. 123. 1, 2. fore unto thee, O Lord, do we lift up our Souls.

Unto thee lift we up our Eyes, O thou that dwel-
 lest in the Heavens: As the Eyes of a Servant
 are to the Hand of his Master, and the Eyes of a
 Maiden to the Hand of her Mistress, so do our
 Eyes wait upon thee, O Lord our God; a God
 1 Kings 8. 27. whom the Heaven of Heavens cannot contain,
 and yet whom we may have access to,
 having

having a High Priest that is passed into the Heavens, as our Forerunner. Heb. 4. 14.

Thou, O God, dwellest in the high and holy Place, and holy and reverend is thy Name. God is in Heaven, and we are upon Earth, therefore should we chuse out Words to reason with him; And yet through a Mediator we have Boldness to enter into the Holiest.

Look down (we pray thee) from Heaven, and behold from the Habitation of thy Holiness and of thy Glory, and have compassion upon us and help us.

Heaven is the Firmament of thy Power: O hear us from thy Holy Heaven with the saving Strength of thy Right Hand; send us Help from the Sanctuary, and strengthen us out of Sion.

And O that since Heaven is our Father's House, we may have our Conversation there, and may seek the things that are above.

[HALLOWED BE THY NAME.]

And now what is our Petition and what is our Request? What would we that thou shouldst do for us? This is our Heart's Desire and Prayer in the first place, Father in Heaven, let thy Name be sanctified. We pray that thou mayst be glorified as a Holy God.

We desire to exalt the Lord our God, to worship at his Footstool, at his holy Hill, and to praise his great and terrible Name, for it is holy, for the Lord our God is holy. Thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the Praises of Israel.

We glory in thy Holy Name, and therefore shall our Hearts rejoice, because we have trusted in that Holy Name of thine, to which we will always give Thanks, and triumph in thy Praise.

Psal. 86. 12. Lord, enable us to glorify thy Holy Name for evermore, by praising thee with all our Hearts, and by bringing forth much Fruit, for herein is our heavenly Father glorified. O that we may be to our God for a Name, and for a Praise, and for a Glory, that being called out of Darkness into his marvellous Light, to be to him a peculiar People, we may shew forth the Praises of him that hath called us.

Isa. 29. 23. O that we may be thy Children, the Work of thy Hands, that we may sanctify thy Name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and fear the God of Israel, and may be to the Praise of his Glory.

1 Pet. 4. 10, 11, 16. Enable us, as we have received the Gift, so to minister the same as good Stewards of the manifold Grace of God, that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ: And if we suffer, enable us to suffer as Christians, and to glorify God therein; for this is our earnest Expectation and Hope, that always Jesus Christ may be magnified in our Bodies in Life and Death.

Isa. 25. 3. Lord, enable others to glorify thee, let even the strong People glorify thee, and the City of the terrible Nations fear thee; but especially let the Lord be magnified from the Border of Israel.

Mal. 1. 5. Let them glorify the Lord in the Fires, even the Lord God of Israel in the Isles of the Sea. O let

Isa. 24. 15. all Nations whom thou hast made come and worship before thee, O Lord, and glorify thy Name; for thou art great, and dost wondrous things, thou art God alone.

Psal. 86. 9, 10. O let the Gentiles glorify God for his Mercy, let his Name be known and confess'd among the Gentiles, and let them rejoice with his People.

Mal. 1. 11. O let thy Name be great among the Gentiles, and let

let all the Ends of the World remember and turn *Psal.* 22. 27, to the Lord, and all the Kindreds of the Nations ^{31.} worship before thee; and let them declare thy Righteousness to a People that shall be born.

Lord, do thou thy self dispose of all things to thy own Glory, both as King of Nations, *Jer.* 10. 7. and as King of Saints: Do all according to the *Rev.* 15. 3. Counsel of thy own Will, that thou may'st magnify thy self, and sanctify thy self, and may'st be *Ezek.* 38. 23. known in the Eyes of many Nations, that thou art the Lord. O sanctify thy Great Name, which *—36. 23.* has been profan'd among the Heathen, and let them know that thou art the Lord, when thou shalt be sanctified in them.

Father, glorify thine own Name: Thou hast *John* 12. 27, glorified it, glorify it yet again: Father, glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee. O *John* 17. 1. give him a Name above every Name, and in *Phil.* 2. 10. all Places, in all things let him have the Pre-*Col.* 1. 18. eminence.

Lord, what wilt thou do for thy great Name? *Josh.* 7. 9. Do this for thy great Name; Pour out of *Joel* 2. 28. thy Spirit upon all Flesh; and let the Word of *Col.* 3. 16. Christ dwell richly in the Hearts of all. Be thou exalted, O Lord, among the Heathen, be *Psal.* 46. 10. thou exalted in the Earth: Be thou exalted, O God, above the Heavens, let thy Glory be above *—57. 11.* all the Earth; Be thou exalted, O Lord, in thine *—21. 13.* own Strength, so will we sing and praise thy Power. Do great things with thy glorious and *Isa.* 64. 12, everlasting Arm, to make unto thy self a glorious ^{14.} and an everlasting Name.

O let thy Name be magnified for ever, saying, *1 Cor.* 17. 24. The Lord of Hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel.

[THY KINGDOM COME.]

- In order to the sanctifying and glorifying of thy Holy Name, *Father in Heaven*, let thy
- 1 Chron. 29. 11, 12. *Kingdom come, for thine is the Kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as Head above all: Both Riches and Honour come of thee; thou reignest over all, and in thine Hand is Power and Might, in thine Hand it is to make great, and to give Strength unto all. And we desire to*
- Psal. 145. 12, 13. *speak of the glorious Majesty of thy Kingdom, for it is an everlasting Kingdom, and thy Dominion endures throughout all Generations. Thou*
- 66. 7. *rulest by thy Power for ever, thine Eyes behold the Nations. O let not the Rebellious exalt them-*
- 66. 3. *selves, but through the Greatness of thy Power let thine Enemies submit themselves unto thee.*
- Psal. 22. 8. *O make it to appear that the Kingdom is thine, and that thou art the Governour among the*
- 96. 10. *Nations, so evident, that they may say among the Heathen, The Lord reigneth; that all Men may*
- 64. 9. *fear, and may declare the Work of God, and may*
- 58. 11. *say, Verily he is a God that judgeth in the Earth. Make all the Kings of the Earth to know*
- Dan. 4. 25, 26, 37. *that the Heavens do rule, even that the Most High ruleth in the Kingdom of Men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and to praise and extol and honour the King of Heaven, all whose Works are Truth and his Ways Judgment, and those that walk in Pride he is able to abase.*
- Luke 17. 20, 21. *O let the Kingdom of thy Grace come more and more in the World, that Kingdom of God which cometh not with Observation, that Kingdom of God which is within Men. Let it be*
- Mat. 13. 31, 32, 33. *like Leaven in the World, diffusing its Relish till the whole be leaven'd, and like a Grain of Mustard-seed, which tho' it be the least of all*
Seeds,

Seeds, yet when it is grown, is the greatest among Herbs.

Let the Kingdoms of the World become the Kingdoms of the Lord and of his Christ: Take unto thy self thy great Power, and reign, tho' the Nations be angry. Set up thy Throne there where Satan's Seat is; let every Thought be brought into Obedience to thee, and let the Law of thy Kingdom be magnified and made honorable.

Let that Kingdom of God, which is not in Word, but in Power, be set up in all the Churches of Christ. Send forth the Rod of thy Strength out of Zion, and rule by the Beauty of Holiness.

Where the strong Man armed hath long kept his Palace, and his Goods are in Peace, let Christ who is stronger than he come upon him, and overcome him, and take from him all his Armour wherein he trusted, and divide the Spoil.

O give to the Son of Man Dominion and Glory, and a Kingdom, that all People, Nations, and Languages may serve him, and the Judgment may be given to the Saints of the most High.

Let the Kingdom of thy Grace come more and more in our Land, and the Places where we live. There let the Word of the Lord have free course and be glorified, and let not the Kingdom of God be taken from us, as we have deserved it should, and given to a Nation bringing forth the Fruits thereof.

Let the Kingdom of thy Grace come into our Hearts, that they may be the Temples of the Holy Ghost. Let no Iniquity have Dominion over us: Overturn, overturn, overturn the Power of Corruption there, and let him come whose Right our Hearts are, and give them him;

him; make us willing, more and more willing in the Day of thy Power. Rule in us by the Power of Truth, that being of the Truth, we may always hear Christ's Voice; and may not only call him Lord, Lord, but do the things that he saith. And let the Love of Christ command us, and constrain us, and his Fear be before our Eyes, that we sin not.

O let the Kingdom of thy Glory be hasten'd; we believe it will come, we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus, to come in the Clouds of Heaven with Power and great Glory; we hope that he shall appear to our Joy; we love his Appearing; we are looking for, and hasting to the Coming of the Day of God: Make us ready for it, that we may then lift up our Heads with Joy, knowing that our Redemption draws nigh. And O that we may have such First Fruits of the Spirit, as that we our selves may groan within our selves, waiting for the Adoption, even the Redemption of our Body; and may have a Desire to depart, and to be with Christ, which is best of all.

Blessed Jesus, be with thy Ministers and People (as thou hast said) always even unto the End of the World: And then (as thou hast said) surely I come quickly, even so, come, Lord Jesus, come quickly: When the Mystery of God shall be finished, make haste, our Beloved, and be thou like to a Roe, or to a young Hart upon the Mountains of Spices.

[THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS
IN HEAVEN.]

And as an Evidence that thy Kingdom comes, and in order to the sanctifying of thy Name, Father in Heaven, let thy Holy Will be done.

We

We know, O Lord, that whatsoever thou pleasest, Psal. 135. 6. that thou dost in Heaven, and in Earth, in the Seas, and in all deep Places; Thy Counsel shall stand, Isa. 46. 10. and thou wilt do all thy Pleasure: Even so be it, Holy Father, not our Will, but thine be done. As Luke 24. 42. thou hast thought, so let it come to pass, and as Isa. 14. 24. thou hast purposed, let it stand. Do all according to the Counsel of thine own Will. Make Eph. 1. 12. even those to serve thy Purposes, that have not known thee, and that mean not so, neither Isa. 45. 4. doth their Heart think so. —10. 7.

Father, let thy will be done concerning us and ours: Behold, here we are; It is the Lord, 1 Sam. 3. 18. let him do to us as seemeth good unto him: The Will of the Lord be done. O give us to submit Acts 21. 14. to thy Will in conformity to the Example of the Lord Jesus, who said, Not as I will, but Mat. 26. 39. as thou wilt, and to say, The Lord gave, and Job 1. 21. the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the Name of the Lord. Shall we receive Good at the hand of the Lord, and shall we not receive Evil also? —2. 10.

Father, let the Scriptures be fulfilled; the Mat. 26. 56. Scriptures of the Prophets, which cannot be broken. John 10. 35. Tho' Heaven and Earth pass away, let not one Mat. 24. 35. Iota or Tittle of thy Word pass away. Do what is written in the Scriptures of Truth; and let it Dan. 10. 20. appear that for ever, O Lord, thy Word is settled Psal. 119. 89. in Heaven.

Lord, give Grace to each of us to know, and do the Will of our Father which is in Hea- Mat. 12. 50. ven. This is the Will of God, even our Sanctifi- 1 Thess. 4. 3. cation. Now the God of Peace sanctify us wholly. —5. 23. O let us be filled with the Knowledge of thy Col. 1. 9. Will, in all Wisdom and spiritual Understanding, and make us perfect in every good Work to do thy Heb. 13. 21. Will. O let the time past of our Life suffice us to 1 Per. 4. 3. have wrought the Will of the Flesh, and to have walk'd

Eph. 2. 2. walk'd according to the Course of this World;
 And from henceforth grant that it may al-
 John 4. 34. ways be our Meat and Drink to do the Will of
 —6. 38. our Father, and to finish his Work; not to do
 Mat. 7. 21. our own Will, but his that sent us, that we may
 Luke 12. 47. be of those that shall enter into the Kingdom of
 Heaven, and not those that shall be beaten
 with many Stripes.

Lord, give Grace to others also to know
 Rom. 12. 2. and do thy Will; to prove what is the good
 and acceptable, and perfect Will of God; not to
 Eph. 5. 17. be unwise, but understanding what the Will of
 the Lord is; and then give them to stand
 Col. 4. 12. perfect and compleat in all the Will of God:
 Acts 13. 36. And let us all serve our Generations according to
 that Will.

And when we have done the Will of God,
 Heb. 10. 36. let us inherit the Promises: And let that part
 1 Chr. 17. 23. of the Will of God be done; Lord, let the Word
 which thou hast spoken concerning thy Servants
 be established for ever, and do as thou hast said.

We rejoyce that thy Will is done in Heaven,
 Psal. 103. 20. that the holy Angels do thy Commandments,
 and always hearken to the Voice of thy Word;
 Mat. 18. 10. that they always behold the Face of our Father.
 And we lament it that thy Will is so little
 done on Earth, so many of the Children of
 2 Tim. 2. 26. Men being led captive by Satan at his Will. O
 that this Earth may be made more like to
 Heaven! and Saints more like to the holy
 Angels! And that we who hope to be short-
 ly as the Angels of God in Heaven, may now
 Mat. 22. 30. like them, not rest from praising him; may now
 Rev. 4. 8. like them resist and withstand Satan, may be
 Dan. 10. 13. as a Flame of Fire, and fly swiftly, and may go
 Psal. 104. 4. straight forward whithersoever the Spirit goes;
 Dan. 9. 21. may minister for the good of others, and thus
 Ezek. 1. 9, 12. may
 Heb. 1. 14. may

may come into Communion with the innumerable Company of Angels. Heb. 12. 22.

[GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.]

Thou, O God, who hast appointed us to seek first the Kingdom of God and the Righteousness thereof, hast promised that if we do so, other things shall be added unto us: And therefore having pray'd for the sanctifying of thy Name, the coming of thy Kingdom, and the doing of thy Will, we next pray, Father in Heaven, Give us this Day, give us day by day our daily Bread. Luke 11. 3.

Remove far from us Vanity and Lies; give us neither Poverty nor Riches, feed us with Food convenient for us, lest we be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? Or lest we be poor and steal, and take the Name of our God in vain. Prov. 30. 8, 9.

Lord, we ask not for Dainties, for they are deceitful Meat; nor do we pray that we may fare sumptuously every Day, for we would not in our Life-time receive our good things; but we pray for that Bread which is necessary to strengthen Man's Heart. We desire not to eat the Bread of Deceit, nor to drink any stolen Waters, nor would we eat the Bread of Idleness, but that if it be thy will we may eat the Labour of our Hands, that with Quietness we may work, and eat our own Bread; And having Food and Raiment, give us to be therewith content, and to say, we have all and abound. Prov. 23. 3. Luke 16. 19. Luke 25. Psal. 104. 15. Prov. 20. 17. —9. 17. —31. 27. Psal. 128. 2. 2 Theff. 3. 12. 1 Tim. 6. 8. Phil. 4. 18.

Bless, Lord, our Substance, and accept the Work of our Hands; and give us wherewithal to provide for our own, even for those of our own House; and to leave an Inheritance, as far as is just, to our Childrens Children. Let the Beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper thou the

Work

Work of our Hands upon us, yea the Work of our Hands establish thou it. Bless, Lord, our Land with the precious things of the Earth, and the Fulness thereof; but above all let us have the Good-will of him that dwelt in the Bush; even the Blessing that was upon the Head of Joseph, and upon the Crown of the Head of him that was separated from his Brethren.

Hab. 3. 17, 18. But if the Fig-tree should not blossom, and there should be no Fruit in the Vine, if the Labour of the Olive should fail; and the Field should yield no Meat, if the Flock should be cut off from the Fold; and there should be no Herd in the Stall, yet let us have Grace to rejoice in the Lord, and to joy in the God of our Salvation.

Father, we ask not for Bread for a great while to come, but that we may have this Day our daily Bread; for we would learn, and the Lord teach us not to take thought for the Morrow, what we shall eat, or what we shall drink, or wherewithal we shall be clothed; but we cast the Care upon thee, our Heavenly Father, who knowest that we have need of all these things; who feedest the Fowls of the Air; tho' they sow not, neither do they reap, and wilt

Mat. 10. 31. much more feed us, who are of more value than many Sparrows.

Nor do we pray for daily Bread for our selves only, but for others also. O satisfy thy Poor with Bread: Let all that walk righteously and speak uprightly, dwell on high: Let the Place of their Defence be the Munitions of Rocks, let Bread be given to them, and let their Waters be sure.

[AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS.]

And

And, Lord, as duly as we pray every day for our daily Bread, we pray for the Forgiveness of our Sins: For we are all guilty before God, have all sinned, and have come short of the Glory of God: In many things we all offend every day; who can tell how oft he offends? If thou should'st mark Iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is Forgiveness with thee that thou may'st be feared. God be merciful to us Sinners!

We have wasted our Lord's Goods, we have buried the Talents we were intrusted with, nor have we render'd again according to the Benefit done unto us, and thus we come to be in debt.

The Scripture has concluded us all under Sin: We have done such things as are worthy of Death, things for which the Wrath of God comes upon the Children of Disobedience. Our Debt is more than ten thousand Talents, it is a great Debt; and we have nothing to pay, so far are we from being able to say, Have patience with us, and we will pay thee all. Justly therefore might our Adversary deliver us to the Judge, and the Judge to the Officer, to be cast into Prison, the Prison of Hell, till we should pay the last Farthing.

But blessed be God there is a Way found out of agreeing with our Adversary; for if any Man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, even Jesus Christ the Righteous, and he is the Propitiation for our Sins. For his sake we pray thee blot out all our Transgressions, and enter not into Judgment with us. He is our Surety, who restored that which he took not away, that Blessed Day's-man which hath laid his Hand upon us both; through him let us be reconciled unto God, and let the Hand-writing which

- which was against us, which was contrary to us, be blotted out, and taken out of the way, being nail'd to the Cross of Christ, that we may be quickned together with Christ, having all our
- Heb. 8. 12. *Trespases forgiven us. Be thou merciful to our Unrighteousnesses, and our Sins and our Iniquities do thou remember no more.*
- Rom. 5. 11. *And give us, we pray thee, to receive the*
 I John 2. 13. *Atonement, to know that our Sins are forgiven*
 Psal 85. 8. *us; speak Peace to us, and make us to hear Joy*
 —51. 8. *and Gladness. Let the Blood of Christ thy Son*
 I John 1. 7. *cleanse us from all Sin, and purge our Consciencs*
 Heb. 9. 14. *from dead Works to serve the living God.*
- And as an Evidence that thou hast forgiven our Sins, we pray thee give us Grace
- Mat. 5. 44. *to forgive our Enemies, to love them that hate us, and bless them that curse us; for we ac-*
 —6. 15. *knowledge that if we forgive not Men their Trespases, neither will our Father forgive our*
- Mar. 11. 25. *Trespases: And therefore we forgive, Lord,*
 Col. 3. 13. *we desire heartily to forgive, if we have a Quarrel against any, even as Christ forgave us.*
- Prov. 20. 22. *Far be it from us to say that we will recom-*
 Rom. 12. 19. *pense Evil, or that we should avenge our selves.*
- Eph. 4. 31, 32. *But we pray that all Bitterness, and Wrath, and Anger, and Clamor, and Evil-speaking may be put away from us, with all Malice; and that we may be kind one to another, and tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake we hope hath forgiven us. O*
- Mat. 5. 7. *make us merciful as our Father which is in Heaven is merciful, who hath promis'd that with*
 Psal. 18. 25. *the Merciful he will shew himself merciful.*

[AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION,
 BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.]

And, Lord, forasmuch as there is in us

*a Bent to backslide from thee, so that when our Hos. 11. 6.
Sins are forgiven, we are ready to return again Psal. 85. 8.
to Folly, we pray that thou wilt not only
forgive us our Debts, but take care of us, that
we may not offend any more: Lord, lead us not Job 34. 32.
into any Temptation. We know that no Man
can say when he is tempted, that he is tempted of Jam. 1. 13.
God, for God tempteth not any Man: But we
know that God is able to make all Grace abound 2 Cor. 9. 8.
towards us, and to keep us from falling, and Jude 24.
present us faultless. We therefore pray that
thou wilt never give us up to our own Hearts Psal. 81. 12.
Lust, to walk in our own Counsels, but restrain
Satan, that rearing Lion that goes about seeking 1 Pet. 5. 8.
whom he may devour: and grant that we may
not be ignorant of his Devices. O let not Satan 2 Cor. 2. 11.
have us to sift us as Wheat, or however let not our Luke 22. 31,
Faith fail. Let not the Messengers of Satan be 32.
permitted to buffet us; but if they be, let thy 2 Cor. 12. 7,
Grace be sufficient for us, that where we are 9, 10.
weak there we may be strong, and may be more Rom. 8. 37.
than Conquerors through him that loved us. And
the God of Peace tread Satan under our Feet, and —16. 20.
do it shortly. And since we wrestle not against
Flesh and Blood, but against Principalities and Eph. 6. 10,
Powers, and the Rulers of the Darkness of this 12.
World, let us be strong in the Lord, and in the
Power of his Might.*

Lord, grant that we may never enter into Mat. 26. 41.
Temptation, but having pray'd, may set a Neh. 4. 9.
Watch, and let thy wise and good Providence
so order all our Affairs, and all Events that
are concerning us, that no Temptation may 1 Cor. 10. 13.
take us, but such as is common to Men, and that
we may never be tempted above what we are
able, to discern, resist, and overcome through
the Grace of God. Lord, do not lay any

- Jer. 6. 21. *stumbling Blocks before us, that we should fall*
 Rom. 14. 13. *upon them and perish. Let nothing be an occa-*
sion of falling to us, but give us that great Peace
 Pl. 119. 165. *which they have that love thy Law, whom no-*
thing shall offend.
- John 16. 13. *And lead us, we pray thee, into all Truth ;*
lead us in thy Truth, and teach us, for thou art
 Plal. 25. 4, 5. *the God of our Salvation. Shew us thy Ways, O*
 —23. 2, 3. *God, and teach us thy Paths ; the Paths of Righ-*
teousness ; O lead us in those Paths for thy Name's
sake, that so we may be led beside the still
Waters.
- 1 John 5. 18. *And deliver us, we pray thee, from the Evil*
One ; keep us that the Wicked one touch us not,
 Mat. 13. 25. *that he sow not his Tares in the Field of our*
Hearts, that we be not ensnar'd by his Wiles,
 Eph. 6. 11, 16. *or wounded by his fiery Darts, let the Word of*
 1 John 2. 14. *God abide in us, that we may be strong, and*
may overcome the Wicked one.
- 2 Cor. 13. 7. *Deliver us from every evil thing, we pray,*
that we may do no Evil : O deliver us from eve-
 2 Tim. 4. 18. *ry evil Work, save us from our Sins, redeem us*
 Mat. 1. 21. *from all Iniquity, especially the Sin that doth*
 Tit. 2. 14. *most easily beset us ; Hide Pride from us ; Remove*
 Heb. 12. 1. *from us the Way of Lying ; Let us not eat of Sin-*
 Job 33. 17. *ners Dainties ; Incline our Hearts to thy Testi-*
 Plal. 119. 29. *monies, and not to Covetousness ; And keep us*
 —141. 4. *that we never speak unadvisedly with our Lips ;*
 —119. 36. *but especially keep back thy Servants from pre-*
 —106. 33. *sumptuous Sins, let not them have Dominion*
 —19. 13. *over us.*
- Plal. 91. 10. *Preserve us, we pray thee, that no evil*
 1 Chr. 4. 10. *thing may befall us ; let thy Hand be with us,*
and keep us from evil, that it may not hurt us :
 Plal. 17. 7, 8. *O thou that savest by thy Right Hand them*
which put their Trust in thee, from those that
rise up against them, shew us thy marvellous
Loavings

Loving-kindness, and keep us as the Apple of
 thine Eye, hide us under the Shadow of thy Wings.
 Keep that which we commit unto thee. Thou 2 Tim. i. 12.
 that hast deliver'd dost deliver, and we trust 2 Cor. i. 10.
 and pray that thou wilt yet deliver, wilt deliver Psal. 34. 4.
 us from all our Fears. O make us to dwell safe- Prov. i. 33.
 ly, and grant that we may be quiet from the
 Fear of Evil. And bring us safe at last to
 that Holy Mountain, where there is no prick- Ezek. 28. 24.
 ing Briar, or grieving Thorn; nothing to hurt Isa. 11. 9.
 or destroy.

[FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, THE
 POWER, AND THE GLORY FOR EVER,
 AMEN.]

Father in Heaven, let thy Kingdom come;
 for thine is the Kingdom, thou art God in Hea- 2 Chr. 20. 6.
 ven, and rulest over all the Kingdoms of the Hea-
 then: Let thy Will be done, for thine is the Pow- Jer. 32. 17.
 er, and there is nothing too hard for thee: Let
 thy Name be sanctified, for thine is the Glory, Psal. 8. 1.
 and thou hast set thy Glory above the Heavens.

Father in Heaven, supply our Wants, par-
 don our Sins, and preserve us from Evil, for
 thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory, Rom. 10. 12.
 and thou art Lord over all, who art rich to all
 that call upon thee; None can forgive Sins but Mar. 2. 7.
 thou only; Let thy Power be great in pardoning Numb. 14. 17.
 our Sins; And since it is the Glory of God to par- Prov. 25. 2.
 don Sin, and to help the Helpless; Help us, O
 God of our Salvation, for the Glory of thy Name Psal. 79. 9.
 deliver us, and purge away our Sins, for thy
 Names sake.

We desire in all our Prayers to praise thee, for Psal. 145. 3.
 thou art great, and greatly to be praised. We
 praise thy Kingdom, for it is an everlasting
 Kingdom; and endures throughout all Generations, —145. 13.

Psal. 45. 6, 7. and the Scepter of thy Kingdom is a right Scep-
 ter, thou lovest Righteousness, and hatest Wicked-
 —62. 12. ness, to thee belongeth Mercy, and thou renderest
 thy Power, for thou hast a mighty Arm, strong
 —89. 13, 14. is thy Hand, and high is thy Right Hand, and
 yet Judgment and Justice are the Habitation of
 thy Throne, Mercy and Truth shall go before thy
 —104. 31. Face. We praise thy Glory, for the Glory of the
 Lord shall endure for ever. Glory be to the
 Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the Beginning, is now, and ever
 —150. 1, shall be. O let God be praised in his Sanctuary,
 2, 6. and praised in the Firmament of his Power, let
 him be praised for his mighty Acts, and praised
 according to his excellent Greatness: Let every
 thing that hath Breath praise the Lord; Hal-
 lelujah.

1 John 5. 15. And forasmuch as we know that he heareth
 us, and whatsoever we ask, according to his
 Will, in Faith, we have the Petitions that we
 Psal. 106. 47. desi'd of him, we will triumph in his Praise.
 —20. 6. Now know we that the Lord heareth his Anointed,
 and for his sake will hear us from his holy Hea-
 ven with the saving Strength of his Right Hand:
 And therefore in token, not only of our De-
 sire, but of our Assurance to be heard in
 Christ's Name, we say, Amen, Amen.

Our Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be
 thy Name, &c.

C H A P. IX.

Some short Forms of Prayer for the Use of those who may not be able to collect for themselves out of the foregoing Materials.

A Prayer to be us'd by Children.

O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee.

Thou art my God and I will praise thee, my Father's God and I will exalt thee.

Who is a God like unto thee, glorious in Holiness, fearful in Praises, doing Wonders?

Whom have I in Heaven but thee? and there is none upon Earth that I desire besides thee. When my Flesh and my Heart fail, thou art the Strength of my Heart, and my Portion for ever.

Thou madest me for thy self to shew forth thy Praise.

But I am a Sinner; I was shapen in Iniquity, and in Sin did my Mother conceive me.

God be merciful to me a Sinner.

O deliver me from the Wrath to come, through Christ Jesus who died for me, and rose again.

Lord, give me a new Nature. Let Jesus Christ be formed in my Soul, that to me to live may be Christ, and to die may be Gain.

Lord, I was in my Baptism given up to thee ; receive me graciously, and love me freely.

Lord Jesus, thou hast encouraged little Children to come to thee, and hast said, that of such is the Kingdom of God ; I come to thee ; O make me a faithful Subject of thy Kingdom, take me up in thy Arms, put thy Hands upon me, and bless me.

O give me Grace to redeem me from all Iniquity, and particularly from the Vanity which Childhood and Youth is subject to.

Lord, give me a wise and an understanding Heart, that I may know and do thy Will in every thing, and may in nothing sin against thee.

Lord, grant that from my Childhood I may know the Holy Scriptures, and may continue in the good things which I have learned.

Remove from me the way of Lying, and grant me thy Law graciously.

Lord be thou a Father to me ; teach me, and guide me ; provide for me, and protect me ; and bless me, even me, O my Father.

Bless all my Relations [Father, Mother, Brothers, Sisters] and give me Grace to do my Duty to them in every thing.

Lord, prepare me for Death, and give me wisely to consider my latter End.

O Lord, I thank thee for all thy Mercies to me ; for Life and Health, Food and Raiment, and for my Education ; for my Creation, Preservation, and all the Blessings of this Life ; but above all for thine inestimable Love in the Redemption of the World by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the Means of Grace, and the Hopes of Glory.

Thanks

Thanks be to God for his unspeakable Gift; Blessed be God for Jesus Christ. None but Christ, none but Christ for me.

Now to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that Great Name into which I was baptiz'd, be Honour and Glory, Dominion and Praise, for ever and ever, Amen.

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

*Another Paraphrase on the Lord's Prayer,
in the Words of the Assemblies Shorter
Catechism.*

OUR *Father in Heaven*, we come to thee as Children to a Father able and ready to help us.

We beseech thee, *Let thy Name be sanctified*; enable us and others to glorify thee in all that whereby thou hast made thy self known, and dispose of all things to thine own Glory.

Let thy Kingdom come; Let Satan's Kingdom be destroy'd, and let the Kingdom of thy Grace be advanced; let us and others be brought into it, and kept in it, and let the Kingdom of thy Glory be hasten'd.

Let thy Will be done on Earth as it is done in Heaven; make us by thy Grace able and willing to know, obey, and submit to thy Will in all things, as the Angels do in Heaven.

Give us this Day our daily Bread; of thy free Gift let us receive a competent Portion.

of the good things of this Life, and let us enjoy thy Blessing with them.

And forgive us our Trespases as we forgive them that trespass against us. We pray that for Christ's sake thou would'st freely pardon all our Sins, and that by thy Grace thou would'st enable us from the Heart to forgive others.

And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil: Either keep us (O Lord) from being tempted to Sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

For thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory for ever. Lord, we take our Encouragement in Prayer from thy self only, and desire in our Prayers to praise thee, ascribing Kingdom, Power, and Glory to thee: And in testimony of our Desires and Assurance to be heard through Jesus Christ, we say Amen.

Another Prayer drawn out of my Plain Catechism for Children (which was first publish'd in the Year 1703.) which will be easy to those Children who have learn'd that Catechism.

O Lord, thou art an Infinite and Eternal Spirit, most Wise and Powerful, Holy, Just, and Good.

Thou art the great God that madest the World, and art my Creator; and thou that madest me do'st preserve and maintain me, and in thee I live and move and have my Being. O that I may remember thee as my
Crea-

Creator in the Days of my Youth, and never forget thee.

Lord, give me Grace to serve and honour thee, to worship and obey thee, and in all my Ways to trust in thee and to please thee.

Lord, I thank thee for thy Holy Word, which thou hast given me to be the Rule of my Faith and Obedience, and which is able to make me wise unto Salvation.

I confess, O Lord, that the Condition I was born in is sinful and miserable. I am naturally prone to that which is evil, and backward to that which is good, and Foolishness is bound up in my Heart; and I am by Nature a Child of Wrath, so that if thou hadst not raised up a Saviour for me, I had been certainly lost and undone for ever. I have been disobedient to the Command of God, and have eaten forbidden Fruit.

But Blessed and for ever Blessed be God for the Saviour Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, and the only Mediator between God and Man, who took our Nature upon him, and became Man, that he might redeem and save us.

Lord, I bless thee for his holy Life, give me to follow his Steps; I bless thee for the true and excellent Doctrine which he preach'd, give me to mix Faith with it; I bless thee for the Miracles which he wrought to confirm his Doctrine: And especially that he died the cursed Death of the Cross to satisfy for Sin, and to reconcile us to God; and that he rose again from the Dead on the third Day, and ascended up into Heaven, where he ever lives making Intercession for us,

us, and hath all Power both in Heaven and in Earth; and that we are assur'd he will come again in Glory to judge the World at the last Day.

Lord, I thank thee that I am one of his Disciples, for I am a baptiz'd Christian; and I give Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, in whose Name I was baptiz'd.

Lord, be thou in Christ to me a God, and make me one of thy People.

Be thou my chief Good and highest End; let Jesus Christ be my Prince and Saviour; and let the Holy Ghost be my Sanctifier, Teacher, Guide and Comforter.

Lord, enable me to deny all Ungodliness, and worldly fleshly Lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present World, always looking for the blessed Hope.

Work in me Repentance towards God, and Faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ; and give me to live a Life of Faith and Repentance.

Lord, make me truly sorry that I have offended thee in what I have thought, and spoken, and done amiss, and give me Grace to sin no more.

And enable me to receive Jesus Christ, and to rely upon him as my Prophet, Priest, and King, and to give up my self to be rul'd, and taught, and sav'd by him.

Lord, grant unto me the Pardon of my Sins, the Gift of the Holy Ghost, and Eternal Life.

And give me Grace to manifest the Sincerity of my Faith and Repentance by a diligent and conscientious Obedience to all thy Commandments.

Enable.

Enable me to love thee with all my Heart, and to love my Neighbour as my self.

Give me Grace always to make mention of thy Name with Reverence and Seriousness, to read and hear thy Word with Diligence and Attention, to meditate upon it, to believe it, and to frame my Life according to it.

Lord, grant that I may receive all thy Mercies with Thankfulness, and bear all Afflictions with Patience and Submission to thy Holy Will.

Lord, grant that my Heart may never be lifted up with Pride, disturb'd with Anger, or any sinful Passion; and that my Body may never be defil'd with Intemperance, Uncleaness, or any fleshly Lusts; and keep me from ever speaking any sinful Words.

Lord, give me Grace to reverence and obey my Parents and Governours; I thank thee for their Instructions and Reproofs: I pray thee bless them to me, and make me in every thing a Comfort to them.

Lord, pity, help, and succour the Poor, and those in Affliction and Distress.

Lord, bless my Friends, forgive my Enemies, and enable me to do my Duty to all Men.

Wherein I have in any thing offended thee, I humbly pray for Pardon in the Blood of Christ, and Grace to do my Duty better for the time to come, and so to live in the Fear of God, as that I may be happy in this World, and that to come.

Lord, prepare me to die, and leave this World; O save me from that State of everlasting Misery and Torment, which will certainly

tainly be the Portion of all the Wicked and Ungodly, and bring me safe to the World of everlasting Rest and Joy with thee and Jesus Christ.

And give me Wisdom and Grace to live a holy godly Life, and to make it my great Care and Business to serve thee, and to save my own Soul.

All this I humbly beg in the Name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Blessed Saviour and Redeemer, to whom with thee, O Father, and the Eternal Spirit, be Honour, Glory, and Praise henceforth, and for evermore. *Amen.*

A Morning Prayer for a Family.

O Lord our God, we desire with all Humility and Reverence to adore thee as a Being infinitely Bright, and Blessed, and Glorious, that hast all Perfection in thy self, and art the Fountain of all Being, Power, Life, Motion, and Perfection.

Thou art good to all, and thy tender Mercies are over all thy Works; and thou art continually doing us good, tho' we are evil and unthankful.

We reckon it an unspeakable Privilege, that we have Liberty of Access to thee through Jesus Christ, and Leave to call thee our Father in him. O look upon us now, and be merciful to us, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name.

O give us all to account our daily Worship of thee in our Family the most needful part
of

of our daily Business, and the most pleasant of our daily Comforts.

Thou art the God of all the Families of *Israel*, be thou the God of our Family, and grant that whatever others do, we and ours may always serve the Lord; that thou may'st cause the Blessing to rest on our House from the Beginning of the Year to the End of it. Lord, bless us, and we are blessed indeed.

We humbly thank thee for all the Mercies of this Night past, and this Morning, that we have laid us down and slept, and wak'd again, because thou hast sustained us; That no Plague has come nigh our Dwelling; but that we are brought in Safety to the Light and Comforts of another Day.

It is of thy Mercies, O Lord, that we are not consum'd, even because thy Compassions fail not, they are new every Morning; great is thy Faithfulness.

We have rested and are refreshed, when many have been full of Tossings to and fro till the Dawning of the Day: We have a safe and quiet Habitation, when many are forc'd to wander and lie expos'd.

We own thy Goodness to us, and ourselves we acknowledge less than the least of all the Mercy, and of all the Truth thou hast shewed unto us.

We confess we have sinned against thee, we are guilty before thee, we have sinned and have come short of the Glory of God: We have corrupt and sinful Natures, and are bent to backslide from thee; backward to Good and prone to Evil continually.

Vain Thoughts come into us, and lodge within us, lying down and rising up, and they

they defile or disquiet our Minds, and keep out good Thoughts. We are too apt to burthen our selves with that Care which thou hast encourag'd us to cast upon thee.

We are very much wanting in the Duties of our particular Relations, and provoke one another more to Folly and Passion than to Love and to Good Works. We are very cold and defective in our Love to God, weak in our Desires towards him, and unsteddy and uneven in our walking with him; and are at this time much out of frame for his Service.

We pray thee forgive all our Sins for Christ's sake, and be at peace with us in him who died to make Peace, and ever lives making Intercession.

There be many that say, Who will shew us any Good; but, Lord, let not us be put off with the Good of this World for a Portion; for this is our Heart's Desire and Prayer, Lord, lift up the Light of thy Countenance upon us, and that shall put Gladness into our Hearts more than they have whose Corn and Wine and Oil increaseth.

Lord, let thy Peace rule in our Hearts, and give Law to us, and let thy Peace keep our Hearts and Minds, and give Comfort to us; and let the Consolations of God, which are neither few nor small, be our Strength and our Song in the House of our Pilgrimage.

Lord, we commit our selves to thy Care and Keeping this Day: Watch over us for good; compass us about with thy Favour as with a Shield; preserve us from all Evil, yea, the Lord preserve and keep our Souls; pre-
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Our Bodies and all our worldly Affairs we commit to the Conduct of thy wise and gracious Providence, and submit to its Disposals. Let no Hurt or Harm happen to us ; keep us in Health and Safety ; bless our Employments, prosper us in all our lawful Undertakings, and give us Comfort and Success in them. Let us eat the Labour of our Hands, and let it be well with us.

Our precious Souls and all their Concerns we commit to the Government of thy Spirit and Grace. O let thy Grace be mighty in us, and sufficient for us, and let it work in us both to will and to do that which is good, of thine own good pleasure.

O give us Grace to do the Work of this Day in its Day, according as the Duty of the Day requires, and to do even common Actions after a godly sort ; acknowledging thee in all our Ways, and having our Eye ever up to thee, and be thou pleas'd to direct our Steps.

Lord, keep us from Sin ; give us Rule over our own Spirits, and grant that we may not this Day break out into Passion upon any Provocation, or speak unadvisedly with our Lips : Give us Grace to live together in Peace and holy Love, that the Lord may command the Blessing upon us, even Life for evermore.

Make us conscientious in all our Dealings, and always warchful against Sin, as becomes those who see thine Eye ever upon us : Arm us against every Temptation, uphold us in our Integrity, keep us in the Way of our Duty ; and grant that we may be in thy
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Fear every Day, and all the Day long.

In every doubtful Case let our Way be made plain before us ; and give us that Wisdom of the Prudent, which is at all times profitable to direct ; and let Integrity and Uprightness preserve us, for we wait on thee.

Sanctify to us all our Losses, Crosses, Afflictions and Disappointments, and give us Grace to submit to thy holy Will in them, and let us find it good for us to be afflicted, that we may be Partakers of thy Holiness.

Prepare us for all the Events of this Day, for we know not what a Day may bring forth : Give us to stand compleat in thy whole Will ; to deny our selves, to take up our Cross daily, and to follow Jesus Christ.

Lord, fit us for Death, and Judgment, and Eternity, and give us Grace to live every Day as those that do not know but it may be our last Day.

Lord, plead thy Cause in the World ; build up thy Church into perfect Beauty ; set up the Throne of the exalted Redeemer in all Places upon the Ruins of the Devil's Kingdom. Let the Reformed Churches be more and more reformed, and let every thing that is amiss be amended ; and let those that suffer for Righteousness sake be supported and deliver'd.

Do us good in these Nations ; bless the Queen and all in Authority ; guide publick Counsels and Affairs ; over-rule all to thine own Glory ; let Peace and Truth be in our Days, and be preserv'd to those that shall come after us.

Be gracious to all our Relations, Friends, Neighbours, and Acquaintance, and do them good according as their Necessities are. Supply the Wants of all thy People. Dwell in the Families that fear thee, and call upon thy Name. Forgive our Enemies, and those that hate us; give us a right and charitable Frame of Spirit towards all Men, and all that is theirs.

Visit those that are in Affliction, and comfort them, and be unto them a very present Help. Recover the Sick, ease the Pained, succour the Tempted, relieve the Oppressed, and give Joy to those that mourn in *Zion*.

Deal with us and our Family according to the Tenor of the Everlasting Covenant, which is well order'd in all things and sure, and which is all our Salvation and all our Desire; however it pleaseth God to deal with us and with our House.

Now blessed be God for all his Gifts both of Nature and Grace, for those that concern this Life, and that to come; especially for Jesus Christ the Fountain and Foundation of all; Thanks be to God for his unspeakable Gift.

We humbly beseech thee for Christ Jesus sake to pardon our Sins, accept our Services, and grant an Answer of Peace to our Prayers, even for his sake who died for us and rose again, who hath taught us to pray:
Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

An Evening Prayer for a Family.

Most Holy and Blessed and Glorious Lord God, whose we are, and whom we are bound to serve; for because thou madest us, and not we our selves, therefore we are not our own but thine, and unto thee, O Lord, do we lift up our Souls: Thy Face, Lord, do we seek; whither shall we go for a Happiness but to thee from whom we derive our Being?

Thou art the great Benefactor of the whole Creation: Thou givest to all Life and Breath, and all things: Thou art our Benefactor; the God that hast fed us, and kept us all our Life long unto this Day. Having obtained Help of God, we continue hitherto, Monuments of sparing Mercy, and Witnesses for thee that thou art gracious, that thou art God and not Man; for therefore it is that we are not cut off.

One Day tells another, and one Night certifies to another, that thou art good and dost good, and never failest those that seek thee and trust in thee. Thou makest the Outgoings of the Morning and of the Evening to praise thee.

It is through the good Hand of our God upon us, that we are brought in Safety to the Close of another Day, and that after the various Employments of the Day, we come together at Night to mention the loving Kindness of the Lord, and the Praises of our God, who is good, and whose Mercy endureth for ever.

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Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with his Benefits, even the God of our Salvation; for he that is our God is the God of our Salvation. We have from thee the Mercies of the Day in its Day, according as the Necessity of the Day requires, tho' we come far short of doing the Work of the Day in its Day, according as the Duty of the Day requires.

We bless thee for the Ministration of the good Angels about us, the Serviceableness of the inferior Creatures to us, for our bodily Health and Ease, Comfort in our Relations, and a comfortable Place of Abode, and that thou hast not made the Wilderness our Habitation, and the barren Land our Dwelling; and especially that thou continuest to us the Use of our Reason, and the Quiet and Peace of our Consciences.

We bless thee for our Share in the publick Tranquility, that thou hast given us a good Land, in which we dwell safely under our own Vines and Fig-trees.

Above all we bless thee for Jesus Christ, and his Mediation between God and Man, for the Covenant of Grace made with us in him, and all the exceeding great and precious Promises and Privileges of that Covenant, for the Throne of Grace erected for us, to which we may in his Name come with humble Boldness, and for the Hope of Eternal Life through him.

We confess we have sinned against thee; this Day we have sinned and done foolishly: O God, thou knowest our Foolishness, and our Sins are not hid from thee; we mispend our Time, we neglect our Duty, we follow

after lying Vanities, and forsake our own Mercies. We offend with our Tongues: Are we not carnal and walk as Men, below Christians? Who can understand his Errors? Cleanse us from our secret Faults.

We pray thee give us Repentance for our Sins of daily Infirmity, and make us duly sensible of the Evil of them, and of our Danger by them, and let the Blood of Christ thy Son, which cleanseth from all Sin, cleanse us from them, that we may lie down to night at Peace with God, and our Souls may comfortably return to him, and repose in him as our Rest.

And give us Grace so to repent every Day for the Sins of every Day, as that when we come to die we may have the Sins but of one Day to repent of, and so we may be continually easy.

Do us good by all the Providences we are under, merciful or afflictive; give us Grace to accommodate our selves to them, and by all bring us nearer to thee, and make us fitter for thee.

We commit our selves to thee this Night, and desire to dwell in the secret Place of the most High, and to abide under the Shadow of the Almighty. Let the Lord be our Habitation, and let our Souls be at home in him.

Make a Hedge of Protection (we pray thee) about us, and about our House, and about all that we have round about, that no Evil may befall us, nor any Plague come nigh our Dwelling. The Lord be our Keeper, who neither slumbers nor sleeps; Lord, be thou a Sun and a Shield to us.

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Refresh our Bodies (we pray thee) with quiet and comfortable Rest, not to be disturb'd with any distrustful disquieting Cares or Fears; but especially let our Souls be refresh'd with thy Love and the Light of thy Countenance, and thy Benignity, which is better than Life.

When we awake, grant that we may be still with thee, and may remember thee upon our Beds, and meditate upon thee in the Night-watches, and may improve the Silence and Solitude of our Retirements for communing with God and our own Hearts; that when we are alone we may not be alone, but God may be with us, and we with him.

Restore us to another Day in Safety, and prepare us for the Duties and Events of it; and by all the Supports and Comforts of this Life, let our Bodies be fitted to serve our Souls in thy Service, and enable us to glorify thee with both, remembering that we are not our own, we are bought with a Price.

And forasmuch as we are now brought one Day nearer our End, Lord, enable us to number our Days, as that we may apply our Hearts unto Wisdom: Let us be minded by our putting off our Clothes, and going to sleep in our Beds, of putting off the Body, sleeping the Sleep of Death, and of making our Bed in the Darkness shortly, that we may be dying daily in expectation of and preparation for our Change, that when we come to die indeed, it may be no Surprise or Terror to us, but we may with Comfort put off the Body, and resign the Spirit, knowing whom we have trusted.

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Lord, let our Family be blessed in him, in whom all the Families of the Earth are blessed, blessed with all spiritual Blessings in heavenly things by Christ Jesus, and with temporal Blessings as far as thou seest good for us : Give us Health and Prosperity, but especially let our Souls prosper and be in Health, and let all that belong to us belong to Christ, that we who live in a House together on Earth, may be together for ever with the Lord.

Look with pity upon a lost World, we beseech thee, and set up Christ's Throne there where Satan's Seat is ; send the Gospel where it is not, make it successful where it is ; let it be mighty through God to the pulling down of the strong Holds of Sin.

Let the Church of Christ greatly flourish in all places ; and make it to appear that it is built upon a Rock, and that the Gates of Hell cannot prevail against it ; and suffer not the Rod of the Wicked any where to rest upon the Lot of the Righteous.

Let the Land of our Nativity be still the particular Care of thy good Providence, that in the Peace thereof we may have Peace. Let Glory dwell in our Land, and upon all the Glory let there be a Defence.

Rule in the Hearts of our Rulers : We pray thee continue the Queen's Life and Government long a publick Blessing ; make all that are in all Places of publick Trust faithful to the publick Interest ; and all that bear the Sword a Terror to evil Doers, and a Protection and Praise to them that do well. Own thy Ministers in their Work, and give them Skill and Will to help Souls to Heaven.

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Be gracious to all that are dear to us : Let the rising Generation be such as thou wilt own, and do thee more and better Service in their Day than this has done.

Comfort and relieve all that are in Sorrow and Affliction, lay no more upon them than thou wilt enable them to bear, and enable them to bear what thou dost lay upon them.

Do for us, we pray thee, abundantly above what we are able to ask or think, for the sake of our Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ, who is the Lord our Righteousness. To him with the Father and the Eternal Spirit be Glory and Praise now and for ever. *Amen.*

*A Family Prayer for the Lord's-day
Morning.*

Most Gracious God, and our Father in our Lord Jesus Christ : It is good for us to draw near to thee ; the nearer the better, and it will be best of all when we come to be nearest of all in the Kingdom of Glory.

Thou hast thy Being of thy self, and thy Happiness in thy self ; we therefore adore thee as the Great *Jehovah* : We have our Being from thee, and our Happiness in thee, and therefore it is both our Duty and our Interest to seek to thee, to implore thy Favour, and to give unto thee the Glory due to thy Name.

We bless thee for the Return of the Morning Light, and that thou caufest the Day-
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spring to know its Place and Time. O let the Day-spring from on high visit our dark Souls, and the Sun of Righteousness arise with Healing under his Wings.

We bless thee that the Light we see is the Lord's: That this is the Day which the Lord hath made, hath made for Man, hath made for himself, we will rejoice and be glad in it. That thou hast reveal'd unto us thy holy Sabbaths, and that we were betimes taught to put a difference between this Day and other Days, and that we live in a Land, in all parts of which God is publickly and solemnly worship'd on this Day.

We bless thee that Sabbath Liberties and Opportunities are continued to us; and that we are not wishing in vain for these Days of the Son of Man; that our Candlestick is not removed out of its place, as justly it might have been, because we have lost our first Love.

Now we bid this Sabbath welcome: Hosanna to the Son of *David*, blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest. O that we may be in the Spirit on this Lord's Day; That this may be the Sabbath of the Lord in our Dwelling; in our Hearts, a Sabbath of Rest from Sin, and a Sabbath of Rest in God. Enable us, we pray thee, so to sanctify this Sabbath, as that it may be sanctified to us, and be a means of our Sanctification: That by resting to day from our worldly Employments, our Hearts may be more and more taken off from present things, and prepared to leave them; and that by employing our Time to day in the Worship of God, we may be led into a
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more experimental Acquaintance with the Work of Heaven, and be made more meet for that Blessed World.

We confess we are utterly unworthy of the Honour, and unable for the Work of Communion with thee; but we come to thee in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is worthy, and depend upon the Assistances of thy Blessed Spirit to work all our Works in us, and so to ordain Peace for us.

We keep this Day holy to the Honour of God the Father Almighty, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, in remembrance of the Work of Creation, that Work of Wonder, in which thou madest all things out of nothing, by the Word of thy Power, and all very good; and they continue to this Day according to thine Ordinance, for all are thy Servants. Thou art worthy to receive Blessing and Honour and Glory and Power, for thou hast created all things, and for thy Pleasure they are and were created. O thou who at first didst command the Light to shine out of Darkness, who saidst on the first Day of the first Week, Let there be Light, and there was Light; we pray thee shine this Day into our Hearts, and give us more and more of the Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God in the Face of Jesus Christ; and let us be thy Workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good Works; a kind of First Fruits of thy Creatures.

We likewise sanctify this Day to the Honour of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, and our exalted Redeemer, in remembrance of his Resurrection from the Dead on the first Day of the Week, by which
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he was declar'd to be the Son of God with Power. We bless thee that having laid down his Life to make atonement for Sin, he rose again for our Justification, that he might bring in an everlasting Righteousness. That the Stone which the Builders refused, the same is become the Head-stone of the Corner, this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our Eyes. We bless thee that he is risen from the Dead as the First Fruits of them that slept, that he might be the Resurrection and the Life to us. Now we pray that while we are celebrating the Memorial of his Resurrection with Joy and Triumph, we may experience in our Souls the Power and Virtue of his Resurrection, that we may rise with him, may rise from the Death of Sin to the Life of Righteousness, from the Dust of this World to a holy, heavenly, spiritual, and Divine Life. O that we may be planted together in the likeness of Christ's Resurrection, that as Christ was raised from the Dead by the Glory of the Father, so we also may walk in Newness of Life.

We sanctify this Day also to the Honour of the Eternal Spirit, that blessed Spirit of Grace the Comforter, rejoicing at the remembrance of the Descent of the Spirit upon the Apostles on the Day of Pentecost, the first Day of the Week likewise. We bless thee that when Jesus was glorified, the Holy Ghost was given to make up the want of his bodily Presence, to carry on his Undertaking, and to ripen things for his second Coming; and that we have a Promise that he shall abide with us for ever. And now we
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pray that the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the Dead, may dwell and rule in every one of us, to make us Partakers of a new and divine Nature. Come, O blessed Spirit of Grace, and breath upon these dry Bones, these dead Hearts of ours, that they may live, and be in us a Spirit of Faith and Love and Holiness, a Spirit of Power and of a sound Mind.

O Lord, we bless thee for thy Holy Word, which is a Light to our Feet, and a Lamp to our Paths, and which was written for our Learning, that we through Patience and Comfort of the Scriptures might have Hope: That the Scriptures are preserv'd pure and entire to us, and that we have them in a Language that we understand. We beg that we may not receive the Grace of God herein in vain. We bless thee that our Eyes see the joyful Light, and our Ears hear the joyful Sound of a Redeemer and a Saviour, and of Redemption and Salvation by him; that Life and Immortality are brought to light by the Gospel. Glory be to God in the highest, for in and through Jesus Christ there is on Earth Peace, and Good-will towards Men.

We bless thee for the great Gospel Record, That God hath given to us *Eternal Life, and this Life is in his Son.* Lord, we receive it as a faithful Saying, and well worthy of all Acceptation; we will venture our immortal Souls upon it; and we are encourag'd by it to come to thee, to beg for an Interest in the Mediation of thy Son. O let him be made of God to us Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification and Redemption; let us be
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effectually call'd into Fellowship with him, and by Faith be united to him, so that Christ may live in us, and we may grow up into him in all things who is the Head ; that we may bring forth Fruit in him, and whatever we do in Word or Deed, we may do all in his Name. O let us have the Spirit of Christ, that thereby it may appear we are his. And through him we pray that we may have Eternal Life, that we may none of us come short of it, but may all of us have the First Fruits and Earnests of it abiding in us.

We bless thee for the New Covenant made with us in Jesus Christ ; that when the Covenant of Innocency was irreparably broken, so that it was become impossible for us to get to Heaven by that Covenant, thou wast then pleased to deal with us upon new Terms, that we are under Grace and not under the Law ; that this Covenant is establish'd upon better Promises in the hand of a Mediator. Lord, we fly for Refuge to it, we take hold of it as the Hope set before us. O receive us graciously into the Bond of this Covenant, and make us accepted in the Beloved according to the tenor of the Covenant. Thou hast declared concerning the Lord Jesus, that he is thy beloved Son in whom thou art well pleased, and we humbly profess that he is our beloved Saviour, in whom we are well pleased : Lord, be well pleased with us in him.

O that our Hearts may be fill'd this Day with pleasing Thoughts of Christ, and his Love to us, that great Love wherewith he loved us. O the admirable Dimensions of that Love, the Height, and Depth, and Length,

Length, and Breadth of the Love of Christ, which passeth Knowledge: Let this Love constrain us to love him and live to him, who died for us and rose again. O that it may be a Pleasure and mighty Satisfaction to us to think, that while we are here praying at the Footstool of the Throne of Grace, our Blessed Saviour is sitting at the Right Hand of the Throne of Glory interceding for us: We earnestly beg that through him we may find Favour with thee our God, and may be taken into Covenant and Communion with thee.

We humbly pray thee for his sake forgive all our Sins, known and unknown, in Thought, Word, and Deed: Through him let us be acquitted from Guilt, and accepted as righteous in thy sight: Let us not come into Condemnation, as we have deserv'd; let our Iniquity be taken away, and our Sin cover'd; and let us be cloth'd with the spotless Robe of Christ's Righteousness, that the Shame of our Nakedness may not appear. O let there be no Cloud of Guilt to interpose between us and our God this Day, and to intercept our comfortable Communion with him. And let our Lusts be mortified and subdued, that our own Corruptions may not be as a Clog to us to hinder the Ascent of our Souls Heaven-wards.

We pray thee assist us in all the religious Services of this thine own Holy Day: Go along with us to the solemn Assembly; for if thy Presence go not up with us, wherefore should we go up? Give us to draw nigh to thee with a true Heart, with a free Heart, with a fixed Heart, and in full Assurance

rance of Faith. Meet us with a Blessing, Grace thine own Ordinances with thy Presence, that special Presence of thine which thou hast promis'd there where two or three are gather'd together in thy Name. Help us against our manifold Infirmities, and the Sins that do most easily beset us in our Attendance upon thee: Let thy Word come with Life and Power to our Souls, and be as good Seed sown in good Soil, taking root, and bringing forth Fruit to thy Praise: And let our Prayers and Praises be spiritual Sacrifices acceptable in thy sight through Christ Jesus, and let those that tarry at home divide the Spoil.

Let thy Presence be in all the Assemblies of good Christians this day: Grace be with all them that love the Lord Jesus Christ in Sincerity; let great Grace be upon them all. In the Chariot of the everlasting Gospel let the Great Redeemer ride forth triumphantly conquering and to conquer, and let every Thought be brought into obedience to him: Let many be brought to believe the Report of the Gospel, and to many let the Arm of the Lord be reveal'd: Let Sinners be converted unto thee, and thy Saints edified and built up in Faith, Holiness and Comfort, unto Salvation: Compleat the number of thine Elect, and hasten thy Kingdom.

Now the Lord of Peace himself give us Peace always by all means. The God of Hope fill us with Joy and Peace in believing, for Christ Jesus sake our Blessed Saviour and Redeemer, who hath taught us to pray,

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

*A Family Prayer for the Lord's Day
Evening.*

O Eternal and for ever blessed and glorious Lord God: Thou art God over all, and rich in Mercy to all that call upon thee, Most Wise and Powerful, Holy, Just, and Good; the King of Kings and Lord of Lords; our Lord, and our God.

Thou art happy without us, and hast no need of our Services, neither can our Goodness extend unto thee; but we are miserable without thee, we have need of thy Favours, and are undone, for ever undone, if thy Goodness extend not unto us; and therefore, Lord, we intreat thy Favour with our whole Hearts; O let thy Favour be towards us in Jesus Christ, for our Happiness is bound up in it, and it is to us better than Life. We confess we have forfeited thy Favour, we have render'd our selves utterly unworthy of it; yet we are humbly bold to pray for it in the Name of Jesus Christ, who loved us, and gave himself for us.

We bewail it before thee, that by the Corruption of our Natures we are become odious to thine Holiness, and utterly unfit to inherit the Kingdom of God; and that by our many actual Transgressions we are become obnoxious to thy Justice, and liable to thy Wrath and Curse. Being by Nature Children of Disobedience, we are Children of Wrath, and have reason both to blush and tremble in all our Approaches to the Holy and Righteous God. Even the Iniquity of
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our Holy Things would be our Ruin, if God should deal with us according to the Desert of them.

But with thee, O God, there is Mercy and plenteous Redemption ; Thou hast graciously provided for all those that repent and believe the Gospel, that the Guilt of their Sins shall be removed through the Merit of Christ's Death, and the Power of their Sins broken by his Spirit and Grace ; and he is both ways able to save to the uttermost all those that come unto God by him, seeing he ever lives making Intercession for us.

Lord, we come to thee as a Father by Jesus Christ the Mediator, and earnestly desire by Repentance and Faith to turn from the World and the Flesh to God in Jesus Christ, as our Ruler and Portion. We are sorry that we have offended thee, we are ashamed to think of our treacherous and ungrateful Carriage towards thee. We desire that we may have no more to do with Sin, and pray as earnestly that the Power of Sin may be broken in us, as that the Guilt of Sin may be removed from us ; and we rely only upon the Righteousness of Jesus Christ, and upon the Merit of his Death, for the procuring of thy Favour. O look upon us in him, and for his sake receive us graciously, heal our Backslidings, and love us freely ; and let not our Iniquity be our Ruin.

We beg, that being justified by Faith, we may have Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, whom God hath set forth to be a Propitiation for Sin, that he may be just, and the Justifier of them which believe in Jesus. Through him who was made Sin for

us, tho' he knew no Sin, let us who know no Righteousness of our own, be accepted as righteous.

And the God of Peace sanctify us wholly; begin and carry on that good Work in our Souls; renew us in the Spirit of our Minds, and make us in every thing such as thou would'st have us to be. Set up thy Throne in our Hearts, write thy Law there, plant thy Fear there, and fill us with all the Graces of thy Spirit, that we may be fruitful in the Fruits of Righteousness, to the Glory and Praise of God.

Mortify our Pride, and clothe us with Humility; mortify our Passion, and put upon us the Ornament of a meek and quiet Spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. Save us from the Power of a vain Mind, and let thy Grace be mighty in us to make us serious and sober-minded. Let the Flesh be crucified in us with all its Affections and Lusts, and give us Grace to keep under our Body, and to bring it into subjection to the Laws of Religion and right Reason, and always to possess our Vessel in Sanctification and Honour.

Let the Love of the World be rooted out of us, and that Coverousness which is Idolatry; and let the Love of God in Christ be rooted in us. Shed abroad that Love in our Hearts by the Holy Ghost, and give us to love thee the Lord our God with all our Heart, and Soul, and Mind, and Might; and to do all we do in Religion from a Principle of Love to thee.

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of Bitterness out of our Minds, and give us Grace to love one another with a pure Heart fervently, as becomes the Followers of the Lord Jesus, who has given us this as his new Commandment. O that brotherly Love may continue among us, Love without Dissimulation.

We pray thee rectify all our Mistakes; if in any thing we be in an Error discover it to us, and let the Spirit of Truth lead us into all Truth, the Truth as it is in Jesus, the Truth which is according to Godliness; and give us that good Understanding which they have that do thy Commandments; and let our Love and all good Affections abound in us yet more and more, in Knowledge and in all Judgment.

Convince us, we pray thee, of the Vanity of this World, and its utter Insufficiency to make us happy, that we may never set our Hearts upon it, nor raise our Expectations from it; and convince us of the Vileness of Sin, and its certain tendency to make us miserable, that we may hate it and dread it, and every thing that looks like it, or leads to it.

Convince us, we pray thee, of the Worth of our own Souls, and the Weight of Eternity, and the Awfulness of that everlasting State which we are standing upon the Brink of, and make us diligent and serious in our Preparation for it, labouring less for the Meat that perisheth, and more for that which endures to Eternal Life; as those who have set their Affections on things above, and not on things that are on the Earth, which are trifling and transitory.

“ O that Time and the things of Time may be as nothing to us in comparison with Eternity, and the things of Eternity ; that Eternity may be much upon our Heart, and ever in our Eye ; that we may be govern'd by that Faith which is the Substance of things hoped for, and the Evidence of things not seen ; looking continually at the things that are not seen that are eternal.

Give us Grace, we pray thee, to look up to the other World with such a holy Concern, as that we may look down upon this World with a holy Contempt and Indifference, as those that must be here but a very little while, and must be some where for ever ; that we may rejoice as tho' we rejoiced not, and weep as tho' we wept not, and buy as tho' we possessed not, and may use this World as not abusing it, because the Fashion of this World passeth away, and we are passing away with it.

O let thy Grace be mighty in us, and sufficient for us to prepare us for that great Change which will come certainly and shortly, and may come very suddenly, which will remove us from a World of Sense to a World of Spirits ; from our State of Trial and Probation to that of Recompence and Retribution ; and to make us meet for the Inheritance of the Saints in Light, that when we fail we may be received into everlasting Habitations.

Prepare us, we beseech thee, for whatever we may meet with betwixt and the Grave : We know not what is before us, and therefore know not what particular provision to make, but thou dost ; and therefore

we beg of thee to fit us by thy Grace for all the Services and all the Sufferings which thou shalt at any time call us out to ; and arm us against every Temptation which we may at any time be assaulted with, that we may at all Times and in all Conditions glorify God, keep a good Conscience, and be found in the way of our Duty, and may keep up our Hope and Joy in Christ, and a believing Prospect of eternal Life, and then welcome the holy Will of God.

Give us Grace, we pray thee, to live a Life of Communion with thee both in Ordinances and Providences, to set thee always before us, and to have our Eyes ever up unto thee ; and to live a Life of Dependance upon thee, upon thy Power, Providence, and Promise, trusting in thee at all times, and pouring out our Hearts before thee ; and to live a Life of Devotedness to thee, and to thine Honour and Glory, as our highest End : And that we may make our Religion not only our Business, but our Pleasure, we beseech thee enable us to live a Life of Complacency in thee, to rejoice in thee always ; that making God our Heart's Delight, so we may have our Heart's Desire, and this is our Heart's Desire, to know, and love, and live to God, to please him, and to be pleas'd in him.

We beseech thee, preserve us in our Integrity to our dying Day, and grant that we may never forsake thee, or turn from following after thee, but that with purpose of Heart we may cleave unto the Lord ; and may not count Life it self dear to us, so we may but finish our Course with Joy and true Honour.

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Let thy good Providence order all the Circumstances of our dying, so as may best befriend our comfortable Removal to a better World; and let thy Grace be sufficient for us then to enable us to finish well; and let us then have an abundant Entrance minister'd to us into the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

And while we are here, make us wiser and better every day than other; more weaned from the World, and more willing to leave it; more holy, heavenly, and spiritual; that the longer we live in this World, the fitter we may be for another World, and our last Days may be our best Days, our last Works our best Works, and our last Comforts our sweetest Comforts.

We humbly pray thee accomplish all that which thou hast promis'd concerning thy Church in the latter Days: Let the Earth be filled with thy Glory. Let the Fulness of the Gentiles be brought in, and let all *Israel* be sav'd. Let the Mountain of the Lord's House be establish'd upon the top of the Mountains, and exalted above the Hills, and let all Nations flow unto it.

Propagate the Gospel in the Plantations, and let the Enlargement of Trade and Commerce contribute to the Enlargement of thy Church. Let the Kingdom of Christ be set up in all Places upon the Ruins of the Devil's Kingdom.

Hasten the Downfall of the Man of Sin, and let Primitive Christianity, even pure Religion and undefiled before God and the Father, be reviv'd, and be made to flourish in all places; and let the Power of Godliness prevail

prevail and get ground among all that have the Form of it.

Let the Wars of the Nations end in the Peace of the Church, the Shakings of the Nations in the Establishment of the Church, and the Convulsions and Revolutions of States and Kingdoms in the Settlement and Advancement of the Kingdom of God among Men, that Kingdom which cannot be moved.

Let *Great Britain* and *Ireland* flourish in all their publick Interests: Let thine everlasting Gospel be always the Glory in the midst of us, and let thy Providence be a Wall of Fire round about us: Destroy us not, but let a Blessing be among us, even a Meat Offering and a Drink Offering to the Lord our God.

Be very gracious to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, protect her Person, preserve her Health, prolong her Days, guide her Counsels, let her Reign be prosperous, and crown all her Undertakings for the publick Good.

Bless the Privy Counsellors, the Nobility, the Judges, and Magistrates in our several Counties and Corporations; and make them all in their Places faithful and serviceable to the Interests of the Nation, and every way publick Blessings.

Bless all the Ministers of thy Holy Word and Sacraments; make them burning and shining Lights, and faithful to Christ, and to the Souls of Men. Unite all thy Ministers and People together in the Truth, and in true Love one to another; pour out a healing Spirit upon them, a Spirit of Love and Charity, mutual Forbearance and Condescension, that with one Shoulder and with

one Consent all may study to promote the common Interests of our Great Master, and the common Salvation of precious Souls.

We pray thee prosper the Trade of the Nation, guard our Coasts, disappoint the Devices of our Enemies against us, preserve the publick Peace, and keep all the People of these Lands in Quietness among themselves, and due Subjection to the Authority God hath set over us; and let the Lord delight to dwell among us, and to do us good.

Bless the Fruits of the Earth, continue our Plenty, abundantly bless our Provision, and satisfy even our Poor with Bread.

We bless thee for all the Mercies of this thine own Holy Day; we have reason to say that a Day in thy Courts is better than a thousand. How amiable are thy Tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts! Bless the Word we have heard this Day to us, and to all that heard it: Hear our Prayers, accept our Praises, and forgive what thy pure Eye hath seen amiss in us and our Performances.

Take us under thy Protection this Night, and enable us to close the Day with thee, that we may lie down, and our Sleep may be sweet. Be with us the Week following in all our Ways; forgive us that we brought so much of the Week with us into the Sabbath, and enable us to bring a great deal of the Sabbath with us into the Week, that we may be the fitter for the next Sabbath, if we shall live to it.

Make us meet for the everlasting Sabbath, which we hope to keep within the Vail, when Time and Days shall be no more: And let this Day bring us a Sabbath Day's
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Journey nearer Heaven; and make us a Sabbath Day's Work fitter for it.

As we began this Lord's Day with the joyful Memorials of Christ's Resurrection, so we desire to conclude it with the joyful Expectations of Christ's second Coming, and of our own Resurrection then to a blessed Immortality; triumphing in hope of the Glory of God.

Bless the Lord, love the Lord, O our Souls, and let all that is within us love and bless his Holy Name; for he is good, for his Mercy endures for ever. In praising God we desire to spend as much as may be of our Time, that we may begin our Heaven now; for in this good Work we hope to be spending a happy Eternity.

Now unto the King Eternal, Immortal; invisible, the only Wise God, and our God in three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be Honour and Glory, Dominion and Praise henceforth and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer proper to be put up by Parents for their Children.

O Lord our God, the God of the Spirits of all Flesh; all Souls are thine, the Souls of the Parents and the Souls of the Children are thine, and thou hast Grace sufficient for both.

Thou wast our Father's God, and as such we will exalt thee; thou art our Childrens God, and that also we will plead with thee; for the Promise is to us and our Children;

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and thou art a God in Covenant with Believers, and their Seed.

Lord, it is thy good Providence that hath built us up into a Family: We thank thee for the Children thou hast graciously given thy Servants; the Lord that hath blessed us with them make them Blessings indeed to us, that we may never be tempted to wish we had been written childless.

We lament the Iniquity which our Children are conceived and born in; and that corrupt Nature which they derive through our Loins.

But we bless thee that there is a Fountain open'd for their cleansing from that original Pollution, and that they were betimes by Baptism dedicated to thee, and admitted into the Bonds and under the Blessings of thy Covenant; that they are born in thy House, and taken in as Members of thy Family upon Earth.

It is a Comfort to us to think that they are baptiz'd, and we desire humbly to plead it with thee. They are thine, save them; enable them as they become capable to make it their own Act and Deed, to join themselves unto the Lord, that they may be own'd as thine in that Day when thou makest up thy Jewels.

Give them a good Capacity of Mind, and a good Disposition, make them towardly and tractable, and willing to receive Instruction; incline them betimes to Religion and Virtue: Lord, give them Wisdom and Understanding, and drive out the Foolishness that is bound up in their Hearts.

Save them from the Vanity which Childhood and Youth is subject to, and fit them every way to live comfortably and usefully in this World. We ask not for great things in the World for them: Give them, if it please thee, a strong and healthful Constitution of Body, preserve them from all ill Accidents, and feed them with Food convenient for them, according to their Rank.

But the chief thing we ask of God for them is, that thou wilt pour thy Spirit upon our Seed, even thy Blessing, that Blessing, that Blessing of Blessings upon our Offspring, that they may be a Seed to serve thee, which shall be accounted unto the Lord for a Generation: Give them that good part, which shall never be taken away from them.

Give us Wisdom and Grace to bring them up in thy Fear, in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord, with Meekness and Tenderness, and having them in subjection with all Gravity. Teach us how to teach them the things of God as they are able to bear them, and how to reprove and admonish, and when there is need to correct them in a right manner; and how to set them good Examples of every thing that is virtuous and praise-worthy, that we may recommend Religion to them, and so train them up in the Way wherein they should go, that if they live to be old they may not depart from it.

Keep them from the Snare of evil Company, and all the Temptations to which they are expos'd, and make them betimes sensible how much it is their Interest as well as their Duty to be religious: And, Lord, grant that none that come of us may come short

short of eternal Life, or be found on the Left Hand of Christ in the Great Day.

We earnestly pray that Christ may be form'd in their Souls betimes, and that the Seeds of Grace may be sown in their Hearts while they are young; and we may have the Satisfaction of seeing them walking in the Truth, and setting their Faces Heavenwards. Give them now to hear Counsel and receive Instruction, that they may be wise in their latter End; and if they be wise, our Hearts shall rejoice, even ours.

Prosper the Means of their Education; let our Children be taught of the Lord, that great may be their Peace; and give them so to know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent, as may be Life eternal to them.

O that they may betimes get Wisdom, and get Understanding, and never forget it: As far as they are taught the Truth as it is in Jesus, give them to continue in the things which they have learned.

It is our Heart's Desire and Prayer, that our Children may be praising God on Earth when we are gone to praise him in Heaven, and that we and they may be together for ever serving him Day and Night in his Temple.

If it should please God to remove any of them from us while they are young, let us have Grace submissively to resign them to thee, and let us have Hope in their Death.

If thou remove us from them while they are young, be thou thy self a Father to them, to teach them and provide for them, for with thee the Fatherless findeth Mercy.

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Some Forms of Prayer.

Thou knowest our Care concerning them; we cast it upon thee; our selves and ours we commit to thee. Let not the Light of our Family Religion be put out with us, nor that Treasure be buried in our Graves, but let those that shall come after us do thee more and better Service in their Day than we have done in ours, and be unto thee for a Name and a Praise.

In these Prayers we aim at thy Glory: Father, let thy Name be sanctified in our Family, there let thy Kingdom come, and let thy Will be done by us and ours as it is done by the Angels in Heaven; for Christ Jesus sake our Blessed Saviour and Redeemer, whose Seed shall endure for ever, and his Throne as the Days of Heaven. Now to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, that Great and Sacred Name into which we and our Children were baptiz'd, be Honour and Glory, Dominion and Praise henceforth and for ever. *Amen.*

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