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## **Prayers of the Saints**

The four beasts and four-and-twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.—*Rev.* v. 8.

And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God, out of the angel's hand.

*Rev.* viii. 3, 4.

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## PREFACE

SCATTERED up and down the works of the early Fathers, in the records of the lives of the Saints, and in our own Literature, there are to be found many beautiful and touching prayers. Composed in the study of the scholar, in the calm devotion of cloisteral solitude, or amidst the dust and heat of public affairs ; wrung from the tortured soul of the confessing penitent, or bursting from the happy lips of martyrs at the stake, these prayers of men so various and sincere have all, it seemed to me, their value, as the outpourings of faithful followers of Christ and members of His suffering or triumphant Church. Some of these, therefore, I have collected and translated here, in the hope that they may be read and used by others not without some of the profit and interest which I have myself derived from making the collection.

Had there been more time and more space at

my disposal, this book might doubtless have been much enlarged and improved. As it is, I earnestly hope that its omissions will be found to be its chief defect, and that nothing here included will give any occasion for offence.

4 SMITH SQUARE,

WESTMINSTER,

*S. Patrick's Day, 1898.*

THE following are among the chief sources from which I have translated or copied the prayers in this book :—

Migne's *Patrologiæ Cursus Completus* (containing the works of the early Fathers in Greek or Latin).

*Acta Sanctorum* : the vast treasury of material in Latin and Greek collected by the Bollandists.

*Lives of the Saints*, by Baring-Gould.

Brett's *Collection of Early Liturgies*.

*Gelasian Sacramentary* (H. A. Wilson).

*Imitatio Christi*.

Abp. Laud's *Devotions*.

*Eikon Basilike*.

Abp. Tillotson's *Works*.

Bright's *Ancient Collects*.

Spincke's *Devotions*.

Dr. Johnson's *Works*.

Dean Swift's *Works*.