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"Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me." John v. 39.

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is." Heb. x. 25.

" If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God." John vii. 17.

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Is one Individual, into whose hands this little Volume may fall, should be led by it to "search the Scriptures" more diligently, with earnest, patient, persevering prayer, the Compiler will feel, that her wish, and fervent prayer, in affectionately offering it to her fellow-travellers through this vale of tears, has been neither unheard, nor unanswered by her Father in heaven.

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FAMILY PRAYERS,

EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK.

FOR

SUNDAY MORNING.

FROM ISAIAH.

O THOU, who, as on this day, didst burst the bands of death, and rise triumphant from the grave; Thou who livest, and art alive for evermore *, assist us, a Family of sinful creatures, that we may approach acceptably the Throne of Grace, and pour out upon us, we beseech Thee, the spirit of grace and of supplications[†].

May this holy day, set apart, and sanctified by Thee[‡], be a Sabbath of blessing throughout the

+ Zech. sii. 10.

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* Rev. I. 18.

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‡ Gen. il. 9.

FAMILY PRAYERS.

world, and especially to us now gathered together before Thee, to all connected with us by the bonds of nature or affection, and to this country in general.

O Lord God! we confess that we are indeed a sinful nation, a seed of evil doers; we provoke Thee, the Holy One of Israel, to anger". From the sole of the foot, even unto the head, there is no soundness^b in us; the whole head is sick, the whole heart faint*. Yet, O Lord, be not extreme to mark what we have done amiss; Hear, we entreat Thee, the prayers that shall this day be offered up by Thy faithful people; and O! that many may this day be turned from the power of Satan unto God', and brought, humbled and penitent, to the foot of the Cross.

Merciful God! we plead Thy precious word of encouragement, that though our sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as woold. O then, soften, we pray Thee, our hard and guilty hearts. Let us no longer refuse and rebel, but be willing and . Ver. 20. 19. obedient, to follow the path that leadeth unto

* Acts xxvi. 18.

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SUNDAY MORNING.

Eternal Life. Wash us, and make us clean in that fountain opened for sin and for uncleanness. May we put away the evil of our doings from before Thee. May we cease to do evil', learn to do well". ' isa. i. 16. May the loftiness of man be bowed down, and " Ver. 17. the haughtiness of men be made low, that the Lord alone may be exalted on this day". ^b Ch. ii. 17.

Great and terrible * art Thou, O Lord, when Thou comest forth in anger * to judge the rebellious', ¹ Ch. xiii. 9. When Thou comest to ease Thee of Thine adversaries, to avenge Thee of Thine enemies*. Then * Ch. i. 24. shall the strong be as tow, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them'. ¹ Ver. 31.

O let Thy threatened judgements awaken sinners to repentance. May we, and all men on this day, humble ourselves in the dust^m before Thee, ^m Ch. ii. 10. remembering, with sorrow and with penitence, our innumerable transgressions, and for Christ's sake may our iniquity be taken awayⁿ. Preserve ⁿ Ch. vi. 7. us from that fear of man^o which bringeth a snare⁵, ^o Ch. ii. 22.