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"O THOU THAT HEAREST PRAYER, UNTO THEE SHALL ALL FLESH COME."

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FORMS of Family Prayer are already so numerous, that some apology may be deemed necessary for adding to their number. But, excellent as many of them are, some are too long, and some too abstruse for the mixed assembly of which almost every household consists, where the majority is usually composed of children and the unlearned.

Whether the compiler has succeeded in accomplishing so desirable an object in the present selection, must be left to the test of experience, as she lays no claim to originality, but has freely borrowed from every selection and every author which seemed likely to suit her purpose; and now commits it to the great Hearer of prayer, imploring him to bless this humble endeavour to advance his glory and the Redeemer's kingdom.

FAMILY PRAYERS.

SUNDAY.—*First Week.*

MORNING.

O God, who art rich in mercy to all that call upon thee, and who hast promised that none shall seek thy face in vain: help us, at the beginning of another Sabbath, to renew our requests unto thee, and to record our sense of mercies past. We approach thee, O Father, as the supreme and unchangeable God: thy goings are of old from everlasting to everlasting: thy counsels reach from eternity to eternity, and embrace all worlds in their operation. Things secret belong unto thyself—things revealed belong to us and all mankind. May we learn, with child-like docility, the lessons of divine instruction contained in thy word, and proceed on the faithfulness of its sayings; that through faith in Christ Jesus, we may become wise unto salvation.

O thou, who hast separated this day to holy uses, to the rest of man, to the comfort of saints, and to the honour and glory of thy name, grant us the comfort of thy Holy Spirit, and make us grateful for the privilege of seeing one more of the days of

the Son of man, and let us realize the promise, that "one day spent in thy courts is better than a thousand."

Make us, O Lord, to adore thee for the greatness of thy Majesty; to love thee for the riches of thy mercy; to obey thee for the happy freedom of thy service; and to seek thee for thine exceeding great reward. Preserve us from all wandering imaginations, and enable us to fix our thoughts on thee, who seest every secret of the heart. Lead our minds from the cares, and business, and pleasures of this life, which will shortly have an end, to the concerns of that far better life, which will last for evermore. Heavenly Father, grant thy blessing to all the faithful ministers of thy Church. May they go forth in thine Almighty strength, and be thereby enabled to preach the truths of thy Holy Gospel, to the edification of their own soul, and the souls of their hearers. Let no cloud of guilt interfere between us and our God this day; but with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, may we enjoy such sweet communion, that this Sabbath may be to us a type of the repose of heaven—a foretaste of that rest which remaineth for the people of God. Hasten the time when not one weary soul in this world shall be without the blessedness of this day of rest, when all men shall hallow thy Sabbath, and they shall be a sign by which all may know that thou art the Lord their God; and when one holy Sabbath of rest shall comfort, bless, and sanctify the whole earth, and the Sun of Righteousness shine forth on every nation. Give unto us the seeing eye, the hearing ear, and the

understanding heart, that we may turn unto thee and be saved. Hear us, O Lord of the Sabbath, for thy name's sake, and in thy holy words we further call upon thee, saying.*

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD GOD of the Sabbath, suffer us again to gather ourselves together before thee, and to close this sacred day with prayer and praise. Another blessed opportunity has been given us of attending to the things which belong unto our peace. Oh, that we had improved it as we ought! that we had this day served thee better, and loved thee more! Yet, infirm and sinful as we are, merciful Lord, accept our services, and let us not retire to rest without thy pardon and bless-

* Let all join audibly in the Lord's Prayer.