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PREFACE

THESE Readings and Prayers have been compiled for any who, in the bustle and hurry of work, have little time to select for themselves suitable passages for daily meditation and prayer. The idea when first suggested was so warmly approved of, that the scheme has been considerably enlarged, and it is hoped that the book will be found useful for Household and Family Prayers, as well as in Schools and Public Institutions, and more particularly in Hospital Wards, for which it was originally intended, where the Nurses are busy, and the Patients oftentimes too ill to attend to any but the simplest Scripture and the shortest Prayers. Being so largely made up of extracts from Holy Scripture, it may also supply a want as a Manual of Devotion in daily Christian life where there is limited opportunity for special Bible study.

For the Morning Readings, the Life of our Lord Jesus Christ, from His Birth to His Ascension, has been arranged in historical sequence from the four Gospels. The Epistles from the Book of Common Prayer have been used as often as possible for the Evening Readings, and other appropriate passages from the Old or New Testaments, that there may be consecutive teaching as well as variety from day to day, and so as to suggest and mark the wonderful harmony of thought throughout the whole of the Inspired Volume.

The Prayers have been selected on the same principle, bearing in mind the old definition of what prayer should be. "An offering up of our desires unto God for things agreeable to His will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of His mercies."

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The General Confession, Intercession, Thanksgiving, the Prayer for the Church Militant, and other prayers will be found at the beginning, and the Fifty-first Psalm, the Te Deum, and other Psalms and Hymns at the end of the book. Any of these may be added to, or substituted for, the Prayers in the regular course.

No additions have been made to any of the prayers, and only a few omissions, and verbal alterations to adapt them to varied circumstances, and to enable both readers and hearers to unite in appropriating and making use of these ancient and familiar forms.

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O GOD OF ABRAHAM, GOD OF ISAAC, GOD OF JACOB, BLESS US THY SERVANTS, AND SOW THE SEED OF ETERNAL LIFE IN OUR HEARTS; THAT WHAT-SOEVER IN THY HOLY WORD WE SHALL PROFITABLY LEARN, WE MAY IN DEED FULFIL THE SAME. LOOK, O LORD, MERCIFULLY UPON US FROM HEAVEN, AND BLESS US, THAT WE OBEYING THY WILL, AND ALWAY BRING IN SAFETY UNDER THY PROTECTION, MAY ABIDDE IN THY LOVE UNTO OUR LIVES' END; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.