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Preface.

A VAST and insuperable distance separates the countless existing manuals of prayer from the Common Prayer Book of the Church of England.

The chief fault of the generality of ordinary compositions or complications seems to be their monotony. There is little division of subject-matter, and no break in the unvarying strain of wordy supplication to arrest the wandering thoughts of the worshipper.

A depth of devotional feeling and practical holiness, a fulness of Christian charity and moderation, combined with a terseness and simplicity of style, and a perfection of musical rhythm, characterize the Church's Liturgy, and render it indeed unapproachable.

George Herbert is not the only Christian who on his death-bed preferred to all other prayers, the prayers of his mother, the Church of England; and her Prayer Book contains such an inexhaustible fund of devotion, that there are no occasions in life, upon which we cannot thence derive the best of words to express our sense of need or of thanksgiving.

In the present selection the Prayers of the Church are arranged under different heads, and as far as possible in a connected train of thought, in accordance with the subjects appropriate to each day.

Sunday, is devoted to prayer in reference to its special services.

Monday, as commencing the week of work, to Baptism and Confirmation.

Tuesday, to prayer for Christian love, as the foundation of all practice of Baptismal vows.

Wednesday, as connected with our Lord's betrayal on that day by His apostle, to repentance for sin.

Thursday, to the Holy Communion; and as a consequence to aspirations for heavenly rest, whither Christ on that day preceded His servants.

Friday, to confession of sin, and meditations on our Saviour's crucifixion.

Saturday, as the close of the week, and the day of our Lord's burial, to thoughts of death, and prayers for a resurrection to eternal life.

The prayers are preserved in their original form, with the exception of a few necessary verbal alterations and omissions.

To meet the requirements of those families who are accustomed to add Scripture reading to their prayers, an Index of Psalms, and short Lessons, is added,—the arrangement of which will be found to coincide with that of the rest of the work.

Ilfracombe, Devon,

September, 1855.

SUNDAY.

MORNING
PRAYER.

Subject—The Services of the Day.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father ; We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done ; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done ; And there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults : Restore Thou them that are penitent : According to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake ; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

Confession.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto Thee ; that they whose

*For Absolu-
tion.*

MORNING
PRAYER.*For Christ's
Church.**For the spirit
of Prayer.**For the pro-
fitable read-
ing of Holy
Scripture.**For the minis-
ters of God's
word.*

consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by Whose spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O GOD, our refuge and strength, Who art the author of all godliness; Be ready, we beseech Thee, to hear the devout prayers of Thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSED Lord, Who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of Thy holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesu Christ, Who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to

prepare Thy way before Thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head corner-stone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O UR 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, the power and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

T HE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

MORNING
PRAYER.

*For unity in
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*For Absolu-
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GRANT, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and