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THESE addresses were originally given on the Sunday mornings during July and August, 1881, at the Church of the Advent, Boston. A request was made at the time, which has been repeated since, that they should be printed as helps to meditation.

With this view I had at first thought somewhat to change their form, but have not found the opportunity to do so, and the addresses are now written out, from notes made at the time, much as they were delivered, local and temporary references being omitted, and the hortatory form for the most part dropped.

In their present form it is thought that they may perhaps be useful for reading in Churches where Lay Readers are employed, as well as for private meditation and study.

The Eucharistic application of several of the clauses of the Prayer (which was natural in sermons preached before the Celebration) has been retained, as showing how the different laws of Prayer find their highest realization in the celebration of those Holy Mysteries, wherein in a special sense we draw nigh to the Father in the Name of His Well-beloved Son.

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MEDITATION I.

“AFTER THIS MANNER PRAY YE,
OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN
HEAVEN.”

ST. MATTHEW, VI. 9.

“SPIRITUAL things are spiritually understood ;” * and for the understanding of that spiritual prayer which our Lord Himself has taught, and with which He has bidden us approach the Father in His Name, we most certainly need the aid of the Spirit of grace and of supplication. “Lord, teach us to pray,” † Thy disciples said when Thou didst give them this Divine form of prayer. This, Lord, would we say, that we may rightly understand and worthily employ this prayer, that it may be the expression of our hearts as well as the utterance of our lips. “Lord,

* 1 Cor. ii. 14.

† St. Luke, xi. 1.