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P R E F A C E.

THESE Prayers and Meditations were originally intended simply for the use of one near and dear to the author; he has, however been advised to publish them, and in doing so, he feels strongly his great responsibility in putting into the lips of any Christian, words with which to express his wants to his Creator. May GOD pardon, if there be herein, any irreverence of expression, or any thought not in accordance with His mind and will. They are the outpourings of the heart of one longing for deep holiness of life and character, who feels that they can only be used by those who, like himself, are but in the beginning and youth of holiness, but are earnestly desiring a far higher standard. They are, the author knows too well, the expression of a heart, frail and inconstant indeed. If they are

brought into contact with any minds similar to his own, to which they may be helpful, he will be deeply thankful.

The prayers are almost entirely personal, and therefore necessarily short, in order to leave time for the addition of prayer of a more domestic character.

The hymns are all taken from "Hymns Ancient and Modern," that selection being so generally used. The author strongly urges the use of the hymns after each meditation and prayer, they being in his opinion so great a help to devotion.

LEAWICHA,
October, 1874.



COMMUNION WITH GOD.

Sunday Morning.

MEDITATION.

THIS is Thine own day, O LORD; the day which Thou hast consecrated; the day which Thou didst set apart at the end of Creation as a day of rest. It is the blessed day, too, on which my SAVIOUR conquered death and hell, and rose again from the grave; and the day on which Thou didst pour out Thy Blessed Spirit on Thy Church at Pentecost.

O should it not be to me a blessed day, a day of hope, of rest and peace, and heavenly joy? What rapture did Thine Apostles and the holy women enjoy, when after all their grief and disappointment, they saw Thee and knew Thee to be their risen LORD indeed and in truth. With what adoration

did they worship Thee! O that I might realize, on this sweet resurrection day, something of their faith and holy joy, some of that true rest of soul which belongeth unto Thy Saints.

O that I might worship Thee with something of that true sincerity and devotion of heart, which Thou desirest in Thy children. Do I not know and feel how my soul needeth thus to be refreshed in close communion with Thee, after the cares, and turmoil, and sins, and weariness of the past week? LORD, my soul doth indeed hunger and thirst after rest and peace in Thee. Truly my soul longeth and fainteth for Thy Courts, and above all for Thine Own sweet presence, which is comfort indeed; a peace passing all understanding.

"As the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after Thee, O GOD. My soul is athirst for GOD, yea even for the Living GOD. When shall I come to appear before the presence of GOD?" truly "a day in Thy Courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my GOD, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD GOD is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. O LORD of Hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee."

HYMN 21. A. & M.

"On this day, the first of days,
GOD the FATHER'S Name we praise."

PRAYER.

O Blessed LORD, Thou hast brought me once more, in Thy mercy, to the beginning of another week. Thou hast permitted me to see the light of another Holy Day of rest. How can I thank Thee for this Thy great mercy? Help me to feel within my soul a deep sense of gratitude, especially for the spiritual blessings which this day are my privilege. FATHER, I do desire to thank Thee with all my soul; I do lift up my heart unto Thee, most loving FATHER, and praise Thee for this blessed day of light. O help me to profit by the many means of grace which Thou, in Thy love and care for my soul, dost provide for me.

FATHER of love, when I think of all that Thou dost afford me, to help me on my heavenly way, to make me holier and better, and fit for heaven, I tremble lest through my coldness, and indifference, and worldliness, Thou shouldst withdraw Thy blessings from me. I remember that "unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." Oh, how great therefore is my responsibility! How much wilt Thou require of me, because of the light and grace with which Thou dost bless me. LORD, keep my soul pure this day. O when I enter Thy Courts, dear LORD, let me realize Thy presence, that Thou art surely there; let me feel,