

SATURDAY MORNING.

O LORD God Almighty, the sovereign of Heaven and earth, against whom all our sins have been committed, and by whom alone they can be pardoned, we acknowledge, and desire to feel more and more, that there is none but thee by whom our souls can be sanctified and our wants supplied. We adore thee that thou art able and also ready to hear and help, to bless and save thy people that call upon thee; that thou delightest to show mercy, and lovest the occasions of glorifying thy compassion. We come to thee therefore, O Lord, seeking that mercy which thou knowest we so greatly want, and grace to help in all our times of need, and we beg the same for the sake of thy beloved Son, who alone is worthy, and in whose precious blood is all our trust.

We are defiled with sin, O Lord, and thou mayest well abhor our guilty souls—but O look upon us in the Son of thy love, and prepare us for the mercies which thou hast treasured up for those who believe in him. Make us to feel the burden and the bitterness of our sins, nor let us ever wish to hide them from ourselves, seeing that all things are naked and open to thee, with whom we have to do. Holy Father, carry on with power thy great work—even the work of faith and the sanctification of our souls. Quicken us, and stir us up to thy service,