

THE CREDEN.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell;* the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.—AMEN.

* i. e. Continued in the state of the dead, and under the power of death till the third day.

PRAYERS.

For the Morning of a Week-day.

Most holy and blessed God, Thou createst all things in heaven and earth, and also man for Thy glory and service. O enable me to remember my Creator in the days of my youth. I confess my sins are great, and my heart is backward to all that is good, and wholly inclined to evil; God be merciful to me a sinner.

I confess, O Lord, that I justly deserve hell and wrath, and hadst Thou not sent a Saviour I had been lost forever. O for the Redeemer's sake deliver me from the wrath to come.

O God, give me a clean heart and a right spirit; and take away my hard and stony heart. Forgive and wash away all my sins in the blood of Christ. O Lord, preserve me continually from the snares of sin and the temptations of Satan. Keep me from cursing, swearing, or lying, and from all pride and vanity, or profaning the Lord's day.

O God, give me this day my daily bread; and make me content with my lot, and thankful in every condition Thou seest meet for me.

Lord, bless all my relations, especially my parents; make me a dutiful child and thankful to Thee for my preservation during the last night; Lord, watch over me through this day, and all the days of my life, and bring me to heaven at last, for Christ's sake.—AMEN.

For the Evening of a Week-day.

I APPROACH Thee, O Lord, in the name of Jesus, who suffered little children to come unto him, and forbade them not. While my body is growing in stature, may my mind be increasing in wisdom and in true holiness. May I always be ready to learn of those who are endeavoring to improve my infant mind, by making me remember my Creator in the days of my youth, and by training me up in the way I should go. May I obey my parents and teachers—attend to all their instructions, and submit to their admonitions. Guide me in all my ways—protect me from danger—keep me from every temptation, and deliver me from evil. At every period of my existence, be my God, my guardian, and guide. Pardon, O my God, the sins which I may have this day committed in thought, word, or deed; and prepare me, through the aids of thy grace, for a more perfect obedience hereafter. Hear me, O Lord, in behalf of all my relations, friends, and companions. Accept of my thanks for all thy mercies towards me, and especially for thine unspeakable gift, Jesus Christ, for whose sake I offer up all my prayers.—AMEN.