

III.

When we reflect, O Jesus, upon what we owe Thee by so many titles, what motives for reparation do we find, alas ! in our conduct !

O Wisdom ! since Thou dost follow us in our ways and fix our destiny, we owe humble docility to all Thy designs, and filial adoration for Thy least will in our regard.

O Adonai ! since Thou dost deign in the Eucharist to continue to be our Guide, we ought to abandon ourselves into Thy hands, confiding in Thy guidance, for Thou hast said by Thy prophet : " Behold he shall neither slumber nor sleep that keepeth Israel—*Neque dormiet qui custodit Israel.*"

O Root of Jesse ! since in the Eucharist Thou art, as it were, the spotless Standard raised in the bosom of the Church, and since, O Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary, Thou art pleased among the lilies, to be worthy to follow after Thee, we ought to adorn our soul with purity and innocence.

O Key of David ! Jesus in the Eucharist, by that mysterious key which is called Thy love, Thou dost will to enter into our heart. Thou couldst, indeed, force an entrance, for all power has been given Thee. But O Key, which dost open all the avenues to that secret chamber, Thou dost deign to knock, and Thou dost wish that we ourselves should open unto Thee !

O King of the Gentiles ! we owe Thee the homage of all our faculties, of our entire being.

O Emmanuel ! because Thou art God for us, God with us, in our turn we ought to live for Thee, live with Thee, live by Thee !

IV.

O Jesus, we entreat Thee with the Church, come and delay not : *Veni et noli tardare !*

Come, *O Wisdom*, show us the way of prudence, that we may triumph in dangers and perils. Give us, above all, O Jesus, that wisdom which consists in becoming a