

**M**OST gracious Father and GOD! Who hast promised forgiveness of sins to all those that with hearty repentance and true faith turn to Thee, look down, we beseech Thee, from Heaven, Thy dwelling-place, upon us Thy unworthy servants, who, under an awful apprehension of Thy judgments, and a deep conviction of our sinfulness, prostrate ourselves before Thee: We acknowledge it to be of Thy goodness alone, that, whilst Thou hast visited other people with pestilence, Thou hast so long spared us. Have pity, O LORD! have pity on Thy people both here and elsewhere; withdraw Thy heavy hand from those who are suffering under Thy judgments, and turn away from us that grievous calamity, against which our only security is in Thy compassion. We confess, with shame and contrition, that, in the pride and hardness of our hearts, we have shewn ourselves unthankful for Thy mercies, and have followed our own inclinations instead of Thy holy laws: Yet, O merciful Father! suffer not Thy destroying angel to lift up his hand against us, but keep us, as Thou hast heretofore done, in health and safety; and grant that, being warned by the sufferings of others to repent of our sins, we may be preserved from all evil by Thy mighty protection, and enjoy the continuance of Thy mercy and grace, through the merits of our only Mediator and Advocate JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*