

you will be taken to his favour, through the merits of God's dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord.* Amen.

PRAYER.

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship ; hast bnilt thy church upon the foundation of apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone ; cast thy bright beams of light upon her.—Graciously behold thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross. O Lord, we beseech thee, to keep thy church and household continually in thy true religion, in thy continual godliness.—Keep her with thy perpetual mercy. Let thy continual pity cleanse and defend her. From envy, hatred and malice and all uncharitableness—from all false doctrine, heresy and schism, good Lord deliver her. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of unity and concord, so that all her members may live in unity and godly love ; and may thus shew themselves very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people.—Yea, grant to all who have been admitted to the fellowship of Christ's religion, that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, that we may become one fold under one Shepherd ; and so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* See Service for Visitation of the Sick.