

## THE PUBLICAN'S PRAYER.

A HOTTENTOT, being under deep conviction of sin, was anxious to know how to pray, and went to his master, who was a Dutchman, to consult him but he found no encouragement. He was admitted to join the family at the hour of worship. One day, the master read the parable of the Pharisee and publican. When the prayer of the Pharisee was read, the poor Hottentot thought, "This is a good man; there is nothing for me." But when his master came to the prayer of the publican, "God be merciful to me, a sinner," "This suits me," he cried; "now I know how to pray. With this prayer he immediately retired, and prayed night and day for two days. God heard his prayer, and he was pardoned, and became full of joy. My dear scholars, your happiness will be like his, if, with humility and faith, you go to God, like the publican, for mercy.—*Union Magazine.*

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