

Preface

the daily service. Here will be found, on the one hand, prayers by the great masters of the spiritual life in past generations, and on the other hand, some prayers of our own day. One or two of the latter are more social than personal in their spirit and content. The prayers in this part are also arranged for morning and evening, although the days of the week are not specified.

The *third* division is made up of short occasional prayers, connected with or arising from special events and experiences of the family life. It also includes prayers circling round the cardinal events in Gospel history, such as the Birth, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord, and the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Here will be found also prayers for the Missionary and Educational work of the Church, for the Nation and Commonwealth, together with Children's Prayers, and forms of Grace before meat.

A valuable part of the book is the list of readings from Scripture for every day in the year. In this list the name of the book, the number of the chapter, and the verses in which the lesson for the day is to be found, are set down in detail. An apposite title suggesting the main gist of the selected lesson has been given in every case, and it is important that this should be announced before the passage of Scripture is read. A list of Psalms and Hymns