

other approved forms of prayer in the midst of our families, to pray that all public calamities may be averted, that peace and true charity may prevail amongst men, that infidels and sinners may be converted from the error of their ways, that the boundaries of Christ's spiritual kingdom may be enlarged, and that the choicest benedictions of heaven may descend into the bosom of the earth, and fructify those seeds which have been sown to it by the industry of man. What a blessed occupation! what a glorious work! what an appropriate introduction to the grand Festival of our Lord's **Ascension!**

In order to shew the efficacy of the holy exercise of prayer, the Church selects for this Sunday, the following Gospel from St. John, **evl. 23. 30 :**

“At that time : Jesus said to his disciples : Amen, amen, I say to you : if you ask the Father any thing in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto you have not asked any thing in my name. Ask and you shall receive ; that your joy may be full. These things I have spoken to you in proverbs. The hour cometh when I will no more speak to you in proverbs, but will

show you plainly of the Father. In that day you shall ask in my name : and I say not to you, that I will ask the Father for you. For the Father himself loveth you, because you have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world : again I leave the world, and go to the Father. His disciples say to him : Behold now thou speakest plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now we know that thou knowest all things, and thou needest not that any man should ask thee. By this we believe that thou camest forth from God.”

### Hebdomas Mariana;

A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS FOR EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK, IN HONOUR OF THE MOST GLORIOUS VIRGIN MOTHER OF GOD, IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE GRACE OF A HAPPY DEATH.

*Translated from the Latin, by a Catholic Priest.*

### SUNDAY.

O Holy Mary, merciful Queen of Heaven! daughter of God the Father, Mother of God the Son, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, noble Giver of the whole