

O God, our refuge and strength, Who art the Author of all Godliness ; Be ready, we beseech Thee, to hear the devout prayers of Thy children ; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually ; through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

O HEAVENLY FATHER, the Author and Giver of all good things, Who alone canst give the increase to the planting and watering, we earnestly beseech Thee to send us Thy HOLY SPIRIT at this time to cleanse our hearts, to confirm our efforts, to add strength to our faith, and seriousness to our repentance ; so may we worthily receive the holy Rite of Confirmation and be brought nearer to Thee, loving Thee, our God, first and best of all in this life present, and in the life to come share the blessedness of those Thy servants who are faithful unto death ; through the Merits and Mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

V. O Lord, shew Thy mercy upon us :

R. *And grant us Thy salvation.*

V. Make me a clean heart, O God :

R. *And renew a right spirit within me.*

V. Cast me not away from Thy presence :

R. *And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.*

V. O give me the comfort of Thy help again :

R. *And stablish me with Thy free Spirit.*

V. Praise the Lord, O my soul :

R. *And all that is within me praise His holy name.*

The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, &c. *Amen.*