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"The Communion of the Church of England, as it stands distinguished from all Papal and Puritan innovations, and as it adheres to the doctrine of the cross."—FROM THE WILL OF BISHOP KEN, A. D. 1710.

## OUR FATHER KNOWETH.

"YOUR Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.—St. Luke xii. 30.

Therefore, our Heavenly Father,  
We will not fear to pray  
For the little needs and longings,  
That fill our every day ;  
And when we dare not whisper  
A want that lieth dim,  
We say, "Our Father knoweth,"  
And leave it all to Him.

For His great love has compassed  
Our nature, and our need  
We know not ; but He knoweth,  
And He will bless indeed.  
Therefore, O Heavenly Father,  
Give what is best to me ;  
And take the wants unanswered,  
As offerings made to Thee.

## "PRAYERS OUT OF A BOOK."

THERE are those who have a strong traditional prejudice against the Book of Common Prayer. They think that "prayers out of a book" cannot come from the heart.

They forget that half the hymns they sing are in fact prayers—"prayers out of a book," thus :

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee."

"Jesus, Saviour of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly."

These are prayers, "printed prayers," prayers in verse set to music and sung, "prayers out of a book." But are they any less "from the heart?" Of course not.

It is a well-known fact that a liturgical Service has been in use, in the worship of GOD, always in His Church, both under the Old Dispensation and the New. It was such a Service in which our Lord Himself was wont to join when, "as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read." It is a well-known fact that a liturgical, or Prayer Book, Service prevailed everywhere in the Christian Church for centuries, and prevails to this day in every branch of the historic Church. Only in comparatively recent times have denominations arisen which have discarded the use of a Prayer