

Now for the sermon that proved so effective in its work :

"HE DESERVES TO SUFFER HUNGER WHO REFUSES TO SHARE WITH THE POOR."
Selected.

PAUL'S PRAYERS.

THERE are many, young and old, who do not pray, and who do not know the importance of calling upon God. Such may well be instructed by the example of the great apostle, Paul.

One whose attention has not been directed to the subject, will be surprised to find how much evidence the Scriptures furnish of the number, variety and constancy of Paul's prayers. The first intimation that we have of his conversion is in the words of Jesus to Ananias : "Behold, he prayeth." Acts ix. 11. From this time, through all his life of toil and suffering, he was eminently a man of prayer. The correctness of this remark will strikingly appear by quotations from the Acts of the Apostles and his epistles :

"At midnight Paul and Silas prayed." Acts xvi. 25.

"When he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all." Acts xx. 36.

"And they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city : and we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed." Acts xxi. 5.

"When I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance." Acts xxii. 17.

"The father of Publius lay sick of a fever ; to whom Paul entered in, and prayed." Acts xxviii. 8.

"God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers." Rom. i. 9.

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." Rom. x. 1.

"Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me." Rom. xv. 30.

"And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee ; for my strength is made perfect in weakness. 2 Cor. xii. 7-9.