

and implore forgiveness for thine offences.

2. You pray much, if you mourn much; you pray little, if you mourn little. You obtain little, if you give but little attention to what you read and sing.

In many things there is access, but daily prayer, a groaning of the heart, with the fervour of the Holy Spirit, purgeth away all languor. He that prayeth not, nor mourneth over his daily faults, increaseth his punishment in the world to come. Be not, then, slothful in prayer, nor in devout thanksgiving to God, who never ceaseth to shower down his blessings upon us.

3. Wherefore, no place, no time, no work, no labour, no sorrow, ought to prevent us from praying, upon whom the eyes of God are ever open, here and everywhere, for ever.

For as often as you call to mind the Lord your God, and mourn, so often do you speak with him in secret and prayer.

If you cannot do so always with your mouth, yet you can and ought in mind and desire to call upon God, to sigh and to weep before him. For he ever prayeth unto God who thinketh what is good, speaketh what is good, and doeth what is good, for the honour of God. Amen.

## CHAPTER XV.

### ON DESERVING THE REWARD OF ETERNAL LIFE.

1. "Ecce merces vestra multa est in cælo." (St. Matt. v. 12.)

"For your reward is very great heaven!"

All present joy is short, and, alas! involved in much evil, but the kingdom of God is ever full of joy, and is eternal,

exalted high above sense and intellect. This no one can give unto thee, nor take away, but the only God, the Creator of all, the Judge of the living and the dead, that rendereth to every one according to his works.

Wherefore, in order to follow after, deserve and eternally obtain this kingdom, we must strive with fortitude; we must pray fervently; fast often; sigh often; mourn often; confess often; communicate often; we must minister devoutly; celebrate the adorable mysteries devoutly; sing Psalms devoutly; we must study diligently; we must keep silence strictly; we must serve gladly; we must obey readily.

2. We must bear all things patiently we must cast out all carnal desire instantly; we must shun all worldly intercourse particularly; we must fly from all that is base; follow all that is honourable; hate all that is vicious; love all that is virtuous; we must cut off all that is earthly, and cleave sorrowfully to all that is heavenly.

This is the way of the heavenly life; and the form of the renunciation of this world in a religious state; that leadeth the *little children*, the meek and the chaste, to the beatitude of eternal life, and to the glory of the saints, to be enjoyed with Christ, for all eternity. Amen.

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