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“But as the will and ability for this, is given of God alone—You were exhorted to pray continually to God the Father, by the mediation of our only Saviour Jesus Christ, for the heavenly assistance of the Holy Ghost; that by giving yourselves wholly to this office, and setting aside all worldly care—and by daily reading and weighing of the Scriptures, Ye might wax riper and stronger in your Ministry; and so endeavour, by God's grace, to sanctify the lives of You and Yours, and to fashion them after the rule and doctrine of Christ, that Ye might be wholesome and godly examples and patterns for the people to follow”†

I have made these extracts from the Ordination Office, as they shew what care the Church of England has taken that the pastoral charge be duly executed; what the nature of that charge is, according to her principles; and as they may serve to remind both You and myself of what should be the constant and principal object of our attention.

A Clergyman should ever keep in view the end that is aimed at by his office—which is, the salvation

† See the Form and Manner of ordering Priests.