

NECESSARY RULES FOR A CHRISTIAN.

Often examine your thoughts, words, and actions, especially after much business, conversation, &c., that you may discern and amend your faults.

Hold your peace in such things as relate not to you, and where your speech is not for the honour of God, and good of your neighbour.

Often call to mind your past life, and what our Saviour suffered for you in every moment of his.

Live as if you had nothing, and yet possessed all things; and remember that meat, drink, and clothes, are not the riches of a Christian.

Offer yourself entirely to God; and though you have nothing to return for his favours but yourself, you will be comforted when you consider, that *He gives all that gives himself*. The apostles quitted their poor boats and nets, and received for them a most ample reward. The poor widow gave only two mites, and her offering was preferred before those of the richest.

He easily parts with all things, who considers that he must die and be separated from them.

Use no extravagant or unusual gestures in open assemblies, but on all occasions observe a becoming modesty and discretion.

In all occurrences of life, prefer that which conduceth most to the service and glory of God; as to comfort the afflicted, reconcile such as are at variance, visit the sick and imprisoned, and relieve the poor.

Never go to rest at night with any diquiet or trouble on your mind, but endeavour to pacify your conscience by an act of contrition, or by confession, if necessary.

Often confess your sins, and make frequent acts of contrition, aspiration, or ejaculatory prayers, so that you may prevent the deceits of the Devil, conquer temptation, avoid sin, and live under the continual protection of God.

PRAYERS TO BE USED ON DIFFERENT OCCASIONS.

A PRAYER WHEN WE ENTER INTO THE CHURCH.

How awful is this place! this is the house of God, and the gate of Heaven; vouchsafe to purify me, O Lord, and grant that I may here think of nothing but of Thee.

A PRAYER AT GOING OUT OF THE CHURCH.

Happy are they, O Lord, who always dwell in thy house, and who are employed in nothing but in praising thee. I am going where I believe thy providence carries me: in every place I shall always find thee present.