

and likeness : acknowledge Thy workmanship, for it is Thine own. In taking away the soil and filth, wherewith it is defiled and stained, Thou shalt soon perceive it to be Thine own handy-work. Art not Thou a Father of mercies, which have neither number, end, nor measure ? Although I have shaken off the duty and obedience of a child towards Thee, yet cast Thou not off the love of a Father towards me, I beseech Thee. Although I have done many things, whereby Thou mightest justly condemn me, yet Thou hast not lost the means, whereby Thou mayest mercifully save me. If Thou forsake me, to whom shall I flee, who is there to help me beside Thyself ? Acknowledge, O Lord, a straying sheep : behold I come to Thee all wounded, Thou canst heal me : blind, Thou canst enlighten me : full of leprosy, Thou canst cleanse me : spiritually dead, yet Thou canst revive me. Thy mercy is greater than my sin : Thy