

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY

WHAT TO PRAY.—FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT ON YOUNG CONVERTS

"Peter and John prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost; for as yet He was fallen upon none of them: only they had been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus."—ACTS viii. 15.

"Now He which establisheth us with you in Christ, and anointed us, is God; who also gave us the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts."—2 COR. i. 22.

How many new converts who remain feeble; how many who fall into sin; how many who backslide entirely. If we pray for the Church, its growth in holiness and devotion to God's service, pray specially for the young converts. How many stand alone, surrounded by temptation; how many have no teaching on the Spirit in them, and the power of God to establish them; how many in heathen lands, surrounded by Satan's power. If you pray for the power of the Spirit in the Church, pray specially that every young convert may know that he may claim and receive the fulness of the Spirit.

HOW TO PRAY.—WITHOUT CEASING

"As for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you."—1 SAM. xii. 23.

It is sin against the Lord to cease praying. When once we begin to see how absolutely indispensable intercession is, just as much a duty as loving God or believing in Christ, and how we are called and bound to it as believers, we shall feel that to cease intercession is grievous sin. Let us ask for grace to take up our place as priests with joy, and give our life to bring down the blessing of heaven.

SPECIAL PETITIONS

For the Holy Land and the Jews throughout the world.

That our missionaries may be cheered in their work
and saved from depression of spirit.