

to strengthen you in your sufferings, and enable you to bear them with such dispositions as will render them highly conducive to your eternal welfare. He who is the author of life and death, condescends to visit you in your sickness, and to furnish you with those celestial remedies, which will invigorate your soul and fill you with joy, under the most trying evils you may have to experience. What a source of consolation for the christian to receive from the Son of God this pledge of his goodness and love ! It is true, he is a God of infinite justice who will render to every one according to his deeds, a God of infinite perfection, who views with horror the least stain of sin ; but his mercies are above all his works, and he assures us that whatever burthen may oppress us, we will always find relief and refreshment in his boundless charity. " Come to me, all you that labor and are heavy laden and I will refresh you." " I am the living bread, that came down from heaven ; if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, abideth in me, and I in him, and I will raise him up at the last day." Welcome him therefore to your bosom with those sentiments of faith, humility, confidence and love, which will prepare your soul for the abundant reception of his graces,