

answered by Thee ; and grant that I may indeed be “defended at all times by Thy most gracious and ready help,” and that I “may continue Thine for ever, and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit, more and more, until I come to Thine everlasting kingdom.” Grant this, oh Lord, for Jesus Christ’s sake—our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen and Amen.

AFTER “LAYING ON OF HANDS.”

Almighty and everlasting God, to Thee I have made my vow—to Thee and to Thy service, I have bound myself by a *perpetual* covenant, which, while life shall last, I dare not, I cannot, break, without incurring the deepest guilt, and fearfully endangering my soul’s everlasting salvation. Help me, therefore, heavenly Father, I most humbly beseech Thee, to do as I have promised, and day by day increase in me true religion, and nourish me with all goodness, that so I may be continually going on to perfection, until in Thy kingdom of purity and holiness above, I shall become holy as Thou art holy, and perfect even as Thou art perfect ; and to Thy name be all the praise. Hear me, oh Lord, hear me, and send down an answer in mercy, for Thy dear Son’s sake, Jesus Christ, our Lord !—Amen.