

The prayers here given, and the reading of one chapter from the Holy Scriptures, (or two, if they are short,) will not occupy more than about fifteen minutes, except in two or three instances. This small portion of time in the morning, and the same in the evening, might, one would think, be easily secured in every family. And where things are not so arranged, there would be no great risk in saying, that those who will not thus give one half hour daily to the worship of God in their families, will be certain losers, even in worldly things, to a much greater amount than what they gain by this half hour which they withhold. Those who honour God, will be honoured by him.

The use of the Responses at the end of the Collects, in these forms, by the members of the family generally, will conduce, it is believed, to fix the attention of all in the service, which avowedly is for all, and in which all are supposed to engage. Where one person only expresses the words of the common or general prayer of all, there is a danger of the rest being less attentive than when all are called upon to put up their petitions in turn with their own lips. Those, however, who think otherwise on this point, can omit the responses here given altogether; or they may use instead of them, the appropriate response of "*Amen*" at the end of each collect.

Any particular collect may be omitted for sake of abbreviation when wished, or on account of inapplicability to the family.