

causest us to rest from our worldly callings this day, that we may enjoy more favorable opportunities for private family and public prayer; for hearing and reading thy holy word, for meditation, and for serious conversation with each other.

O Lord, may we desire to begin the day and the week with Thee. Let a solemn sense of Thy presence be upon our minds, and while we offer our supplications, in the Name of our only Mediator the Lord Jesus Christ, comfort our hearts by the assurance that Thou art nigh unto all them that call upon thee; and though we cannot see thee with our bodily eyes, enable us to believe that the prayers which we offer up unto thee, shall be heard and answered.

We are indeed, Almighty Father, unworthy to be called thy children, because we have in numberless instances sinned against thee. Glory be to thy Name, that thou hast given thy dear Son Jesus Christ to die for sinners: for we acknowledge that we must otherwise have perished everlastingly. Thy wrath might justly have consumed us in a moment, and have sent us down to hell. But thou hast had mercy on us, and hast made known to us, by thy word, how we may be saved. O Lord, help us to ask this day, with real anxiety of mind, as persons who are sensible of the value of their souls, "What must we do to be saved?"