

SATURDAY EVENING.

O THOU gracious and merciful God, blessed be thy Name for preserving us in a world of sin and danger. We praise thee for having brought us in safety not only to the end of another day, but also of another week.

We bless thee, O Lord, for all the mercies which we have received from thee; and we pray and beseech thee for Christ's sake to pardon all the sins which we have committed against thee: O blot them out of the book of thy remembrance; let them not appear in judgment against us, but cleanse us from their guilt in the precious blood of Christ our Saviour.

Create and cherish in our souls a hungering and thirsting after righteousness. By faith, with thanksgiving, may we daily feed upon the true bread which came down from heaven. May the Holy Spirit be in us a well of water, springing up unto everlasting life, in holy desires and heavenly affections. Grant, Lord, that we may never thirst after the riches or the pleasures of the world; neither let us be overcharged with its cares, lest that day of Christ's appearing to judge the world come upon us when we look not for it.

Keep us in safety, we beseech thee, this night; and should we see the light of another day, help us, O Lord, to deny ourselves all unnecessary sleep and self-indulgence. Give us grace and strength to rise up early in the morning. Early in the morning may we direct our prayers and praises unto thee, and