

## PREFACE



**T**HIS manual for family worship is an effort to supply a need which I have met with in my work as a minister, and the desire to supply it came to me, I believe, as an inspiration, or I should never have attempted such a task. The decline of the practice of having prayers, of setting up the family altar, is a serious question indeed; the present and future welfare of our country depends upon our home life; it must be kept sacred and holy, and the means for the conservation and promotion of it is PRAYER, individual prayer and family prayer. Many, however, have not the gift, although they have the heart and will, to conduct even a simple service in the home, without some aid to assist and stimulate their thoughts. To meet this condition is the object of this manual. Prayers are also given at the end for Special Occasions. Humbly this result of meditation and supplication is sent forth, with the earnest desire that it may be a stimulus and inspiration to family prayer and so be a blessing in many a home, and, above all, be for the honour and glory of God. The request of the disciples must also ever be ours, nevertheless: "Lord, teach us to pray."

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