

of it their hearts may be made better. We pray that we ourselves may be deeply impressed with a sense of our entire dependence on Thy will. Thou hast granted us life and favour, and Thy visitation hath preserved our spirits. May we glorify Thee with our bodies and spirits, which are Thine. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

VII.

FOR PRISONERS.

WE adore Thy goodness, O God, in the institution of civil government; and we give Thee thanks for the righteous administration of holy laws, by which our life and property are protected from blood-thirsty and wicked men. We praise Thee that though it is right that the Magistrate should not bear the sword in vain, but that crime should be punished; yet even those who have rendered themselves the outcasts of society, if they seek Thee with a contrite spirit, may find forgiveness of all their sins, through the precious blood of Christ our Redeemer. Have mercy upon all imprisoned for their evil doings. Give them grace in the day of adversity to consider their ways; may they humble themselves under Thy mighty hand, and may the