

and eternal acknowledgement for it? I understand the great happiness which this faith procures me ; but I am also sensible of what it demands, and what tributes of homage it has a right to exact of me. I offer them to you at present, and all my life long I will endeavor faithfully to acquit myself of this debt, in the name and by the assistance of my faith. I humbly submit to every decision of faith ; I respectfully believe all it teaches ; I embrace it with all the affection of my soul ; I never will forget its interest ; I will strive to do honor to it in all my actions ; I purpose never to disgrace it by word or work. Faith shall be the soul of my sentiments and the regulator of my conduct ; I will judge of things according to the views of faith. My thoughts, my resolutions shall be animated with the spirit of faith. Preserve it in me, O my God , that during life it may be the rule of my con-