

## PREFACE.

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THIS Manual has been compiled, or rather adapted, from many sources, particularly from the Greek Devotions of Bishop Andrewes, and is designed especially for the use of young persons in every state of life. It is hoped, however, that, with slight alterations, it may be found available for those of maturer years.

The compiler is convinced from observation that there is *actually* much less private prayer amongst us than is commonly supposed, and that one chief cause of this is the deficiency of suitable forms. Many seldom, or never, pray in the *morning*. Many in the humbler classes, and not a few, it is to be feared, in the higher, never use any forms of devotion but the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and such short Collects as were taught them in their infancy. The consequences of this are very grievous. They grow up, and go out into the world, without a HABIT of regular and stated prayer. It forms no part of their daily work—no time is set apart for it—no pains taken to perform it.

He has felt also (in common with many) that in such prayers as are mostly in use, there is little, or no, recognition of the blessedness of membership with Christ by and in His Church, and rarely any particular mention of a Christian's daily duties in the world; the effect of which has been a vagueness and want of practicalness both in tone and language, hindering, rather than aiding, the soul in its efforts to rise to the worship of the One Supreme Object. In this little work it has been attempted to preserve such a plain, chastened and devout style as may afford the earnest-