

PRAYERS.

For the Morning of a Sabbath-day.

HEAVENLY FATHER.—I thank Thee for my preservation through the night, and that I have seen the light of another day of the Son of Man. On this holy day Thy blessed Son, the friend of little children, after suffering for our iniquities, ascended to heaven for our justification. Through his righteousness and sufferings, O God, I would now present myself before Thee to beseech Thee to have pity upon me and send the Holy Spirit to guide me through life and to preserve me from all the snares to which youth are exposed in this world. Thou knowest, O Lord, all my wants; supply them out of Thine abundant fulness. Enable me to spend this day, and every day of my life, as would become one who has been born an heir of immortality. Enable me to fulfil all my duties with fidelity and tenderness. May I be kind, loving, and obedient to my parents and instructors, affectionate to my relations and companions, and have charity to all mankind. Bless, O Lord, all that are near and dear to me; preserve me through this day, and enable me to spend it as a day set apart for Thy worship ought to be spent. Keep me ever in Thy fear, and hear my petitions, for the sake of Thy blessed Son, Christ Jesus.—AMEN.

For the Evening of a Sabbath-day.

I THANK Thee, O Lord, for bringing me in safety to the close of this holy day. Thou art ever present, and knowest all my ways, even the most hidden thoughts of my heart. With gratitude, O Lord, for Thy many mercies, I look back with sorrow to the return I have made Thee. I can offer no excuse for my trespasses, but fly to Jesus the Mediator, and my Redeemer, and pray that for his sake Thou wouldst pardon my innumerable sins, and send Thy good Spirit into my heart. O Lord, be pleased to root out every evil propensity from my nature, and enable me to do only what is pleasing in Thy sight. Bless my parents and friends, and enable me always to be dutiful and affectionate towards them. I commit myself, O Lord, to Thy keeping during this night, and may I wake in the morning with a grateful sense of Thy goodness. Hear in heaven these my humble supplications, for Jesus Christ's sake.—AMEN.

For an Orphan.

To whom, O Lord, can I come but unto Thee, who art the Father of the fatherless, the friend of the friendless, the fountain of mercy, and the foundation of hope. Since Thou hast been pleased, O Lord, to deprive me of my parents, O visit me in my affliction. Permit not my mind to remain unimproved nor my heart to be betrayed by deceit into any of the vices of the world. May the loss of my parents be in some measure supplied by the fostering hand of benevolence and kindness. May I be thankful to them and to Thee, O God, for all the favors they confer upon me. Guide me in Thy fear, enable me to suppress every evil thought, and to abandon every secret fault. In the midst of trouble may I, being patient, trust in Thy goodness, and look with hope towards Thy sanctuary in the heavens. Instil into my mind reverence towards Thee, my Creator, love for and obedience to the commands of Jesus, my Redeemer. Pardon my sins, and hear my prayers, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.—AMEN.