**CHAPTER** **5**

THE PRAYER OF JEREMIAS THE PROPHET.

**1** Remember, O Lord, what is come upon us: consider and behold our reproach.

**2** Our inheritance is turned to aliens: our houses to strangers.

**3** We are become orphans without a father: our mothers are as widows.

**4** We have drunk our water for money: we have bought our wood.

**5** We were dragged by the necks, we were weary and no rest was given us.

**6** We have given our hand to Egypt, and to the Assyrians, that we might be satisfied with bread.

**7** Our fathers have sinned, and are not: and we have borne their iniquities.

**8** Servants have ruled over us: there was none to redeem us out of their hand.

**9** We fetched our bread at the peril of our lives, because of the sword in the desert.

**10** Our skin was burnt as an oven, by reason of the violence of the famine.

**11** They oppressed the women in Sion, and the virgins in the cities of Juda.

**12** The princes were hanged up by their hand: they did not respect the persons of the ancient.

**13** They abused the young men indecently: and the children fell under the wood.

**14** The ancients have ceased from the gates: the young men from the choir of the singers.

**15** The joy of our heart is ceased, our dancing is turned into mourning.

**16** The crown is fallen from our head woe to us, because we have sinned.

**17** Therefore is our heart sorrowful, therefore are our eyes become dim,

**18** For mount Sion, because it is destroyed, foxes have walked upon it.

**19** But thou, O Lord, shalt remain for ever, thy throne from generation to generation.

**20** Why wilt thou forget us for ever? why wilt thou forsake us for a long time?

**21** Convert us, O Lord, to thee, and we shall be converted: renew our days, as from the beginning.

**22** But thou hast utterly rejected us, thou art exceedingly angry with us.