

to the Father of Mercies that he would deign to strengthen by His power our feeble forces and to enlighten our spirit with the light of His wisdom, in order that the Apostolic Ministry which is confided to our care, may turn to the advantage of the whole of Christendom, and that, in fine, the billows calming down, the vessel of the Church may repose from the long-standing agitations of the tempest.

But as that which is a common good should be asked for with a common prayer, we have resolved to arouse the piety of all the Faithful of Jesus Christ, in order that their prayers being joined to ours, we might all implore with more ardour the succour of the right hand of the Almighty. And it is certain that the prayers of men will be more agreeable to God if they flow from pure hearts, that is to say, from consciences free from every stain, we have resolved to imitate the example which our predecessors have given us in the commencement of other Pontificates, by opening with Apostolic liberality to the Faithful of Jesus Christ the celestial treasures of Indulgences of which the dispensation has been confided to us, in order that excited in a more lively manner to true piety, and washed from the stains of sin by the Sacrament of Penance, they may approach with more confidence to the Throne of God, may obtain His mercy and find favour with Him.

For these reasons we announce to the Catholic Universe an Indulgence in form of a Jubilee. Where-

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