

in Christ's prayer for the preservation of those who had been given to him by the Father: "I pray not that thou shouldest take them from the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil" (John 17 : 15). But whether the evil is to be regarded as an active malignant spirit, or as a mere personification of the abstract principle of evil, it is evident that the term includes all evil.

Deliverance by Prayer

We are to pray for deliverance from the evil; from all physical evil which afflicts our bodies and brings weakness, disease, and suffering; from all mental evil, as ignorance, bigotry, superstition, prejudice, which has written so many sorry pages in the history of mankind upon the earth; from all moral evil which springs out of unholy lusts and desires, defiling and defeating the higher life of the soul; from all national and social evil, as war, poverty, intemperance, prostitution, these hideous shapes which take such a fearful toll of human life, and are responsible for such wide-spread suffering and degradation.

Deliverance by Action

To pray for deliverance from the many and varied evils is to recognize the divine call to battle against the enemies that are within and without. To pray and not to work is hypocrisy. The pronoun "us," used in the petition, suggests that it is a social