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GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S GIFTS.

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and blessed by the Pope.*

THE display of gratitude is a natural impulse of the human heart. The remembrance of a favor we have received moves us in a mysterious way ; for no sooner does a kind word or kind deed touch our heart than, spontaneously, expressions seek a vent, either in word or look, to show how grateful we are. "Gratitude is the fairest blossom that springs from the soul," says a writer, "and the heart knows none more fragrant." It is one of those mysterious though minor links that bind men's souls together. Even among the pagans of old this sentiment was thoroughly recognized. Ovid tells us that *gratia pro rebus merito debetur inemtis*, — thanks are justly due for things we have