

REPARATION.

Our Divine King, in giving men His law knew what was best adapted to their needs. Under His laws the order of humanity would be as beautiful as that of the material creation.

But at the same time our King ordained that all infringement of His law would be punished with direst catastrophies.

We often ask ourselves, in horror and amazement, the reason of the awful calamity now overwhelming Europe and the world. The answer is here: men have thrust aside their King, they have rejected His law and His Church. "The nation and the king that will not serve Thee shall perish" said the Almighty to His Royal Son. That it should be so follows necessarily from the order of nature. When men disobey the divine laws of human life they lose control of the enormous destructive forces of the perverted human will, and their most skilful makeshifts cannot avert the calamitous consequences, as this awful war so conclusively proves. Let us implore the mercy of our King, forgiving and kind even in His wrath. Ask pardon for those wretched nations now paying so bitterly the price of their apostasy from Christ the King. Implore forgiveness for those who have outraged Him in what He hold dearest: His priests, His religious, His churches and schools. Repair for all the profanities committed during this war against Jesus in the Sacrament of His love.

PRAYER.

Thy Kingdom come! Jesus has a kingdom on earth, the Catholic Church whose visible head here below is the Pope, Vicar of Jesus Christ. Let us pray for the spread and triumph of that kingdom, for its victory over its many enemies; let us pray especially for the Viceroy of our King, the Pope emprisoned by his rebellious subjects who will not have him or Christ rule over them. Let us have a special intention in our prayers for the rapid extension of the Eucharistic reign of Jesus so gloriously inaugurated by the beloved Pius X.

Let us repeat frequently, in our visits to our Prisoner King of the tabernacle, these beautiful words of the Venerable Father Eymard "Thy Eucharistic Kingdom come! Reign alone and forever over us by the empire of thy love, by the triumph of thy virtues over our defects, by the dominion of grace and the spread of Eucharistic vocations!"

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