

himself, to ask for the conversion of so many millions of schismatics, heretics and infidels who are being lost before our eyes.

You will have this holy zeal, you, good christians, who, faithfully fulfilling the duties imposed upon you by religion, taste, by happy experience, the great happiness of living in truth, in justice and in piety.

Alas! It is not so with those who live in error or in sin. For their life is passed amid trouble, remorse, fears and anxieties, which prevent them from enjoying all the other advantages of life; they are very unhappy and much to be pitied, even amidst the honors and wealth with which they are laden, because they are unable to taste peace of heart, which is to be found only in the practice of the true Religion. It is God himself, who in his infinite goodness, urges them, solicits them, interiorly torments them, to make them enter into the good way which leads to heaven. For God, all good and all merciful, wishes that all men should come to the knowledge of truth, because He wishes all men to be saved. Now, such should likewise be our continual desire, if we are the true children of our Father who is in heaven, and if we well understand what we ask of Him, when we so often repeat: *Hallowed be thy name; thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.*

Our zeal will become more and more ardent, D. B. B.; if we pay attention to the enormous difficulties which oppose the conversion of our dear separated brethren. For we cannot doubt but that it costs them a great deal of sacrifice, to rid themselves of the prejudice of their childhood, to reform the ideas of their earlier education, to overcome human respect which forcibly retains them in the circle of their relations and friends, to expose themselves to the persecution which awaits them, if they change their religion, to profess themselves catholics at the risk of losing the good will of persons who are very dear to them, and even of being despoiled of their inheritance and reduced to want, to subject themselves to the mortifying practices of Religion, to fasting, abstinence, and especially to confession. Let us for a moment, put ourselves in their stead, and we shall be able to judge what a painful sacrifice we should have to make in order to embrace the true