

and honour and glory belong to him. Hence he will rule the world, because it is his own kingdom, and the 'Prince of this world will be cast forth,' and his power destroyed by my death.

Let us contribute by all means in our power to propagate the spiritual kingdom of God upon earth. Other kings reign over us, says St. Jerom, God alone reigns in us. May he be always the Sovereign of our affections, and may we constantly and fervently pray, 'Thy kingdom come.'—*To be Continued*

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PSALM XXI.

*Commonly called the Psalm of the Passion.*

PARAPHRASED.

1. O God, Jesus, my God! look down upon me in your mercy. Do not forsake me. Let not the voice of my sins separate me from you. I am desolate, and afflicted, because I have offended you.

2. I will cry out night and day to you, my Jesus. O physician of souls, will you not hear the prayer of the sick who has recourse to you for his cure?

3. Divine Jesus! I am sick; and you can cure me if you will. O apply to my soul the precious merits of the adorable Blood which you have shed for me.

4. Who, O my Jesus, ever hoped in you, and was deceived in his hope? Why then, O dear Saviour, should my confidence be in vain?

5. O Jesus! I am beneath the worm of the earth, for I am a sinner. I am satisfied for the love of you, to be the reproach of mankind.

6. O my Jesus! I will remember you humiliations, when I shall be humbled; and in the midst of my sufferings I will think on yours.

7. I thank you, O my Jesus, for having been my Saviour and my God, even from my mother's womb. O do not depart from me for ever.

8. O divine Jesus: come to my assistance

in the evil day. Affliction hangs over me death is near—that death which I fear so much, on account of the judgment which is to follow it. O save me for there is no one to succour me.

9. When I think, O my Jesus, of the account I shall have to render of all my works, I am seized with terror: my heart melts in the midst of my bowels, like wax in fire. Ah, Lord! do not consider my iniquities on this terrible day.

10. I feel the most lively regret, O my Jesus, for having offended you. Vouchsafe to increase this sorrow within me, and do not suffer me to become the prey of the roaring lion.

11. My dearest Jesus do not withdraw your divine succour from me. Watch continually for my defence. Comfort, I beseech you, my afflicted soul.

12. O Jesus! if you defend me against the enemies of salvation, I will make known your holy name to my brethren. I will burn with zeal to make them know you, and love you.

13. You are above all praise, O Jesus, and worthy of all kinds of homage. I desire that all mankind may fear and praise you, and that you may be loved and served in every part of the earth.

14. I will not cease, O my Jesus, to adore and to invoke you, that I place all my confidence in you, and that I love you.

15. My Jesus! you are all my riches and my treasure. My heart is no longer attached to any thing but you, for you are its portion. This heart will always live, because you will reign in it for ever.

16. O Jesus, King of Kings! Immortal King! may all nations fall prostrate before you and adore you! May all sinners be converted to you, and may all hearts be filled with your love!

17. To you sovereignty belongs, O my Jesus! Reign then as absolute master over all the powers of my soul, I wish to have no other king but you.

18. It is for you my soul will live, O Jesus my God! Do what you please, in this soul which belongs to you. May all its affections tend to you, and may you live in it most perfectly for your own glory, and its salvation. Amen.