

mans, xv. 1). We must suffer with patience, not only our neighbor's faults, but also the trials which he sends us.

Such are the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, which we are called upon to exercise. Do we need encouragement? let us remember the Divine words: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." So that in proportion to the compassion which we practice towards our neighbor, the promise of Our Saviour will be realized; there will be showered upon us an abundant effusion of celestial mercies. To be touched by the miseries of our neighbor, to have sympathy for them, to come to their assistance, is to imitate Jesus Christ, who took upon Himself our miseries, gave them the compassion of His Heart, relieved and healed them.

May the Divine Master implant in our hearts a tender and compassionate charity, which will enable us to put into practice all the works of mercy! May His example animate us to walk in His footsteps, in the practice of a virtue so dear to His Sacred Heart. Thus will we obtain the recompense promised in the beatitude, and we will eternally sing in heaven the adorable mercies of our amiable Saviour.

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WE PRAISE THEE, LORD !

The sheep are coming home,
From far hill-pastures, where the wild winds blow,
To the fold's shelter thankfully they go;
And in their meek accord
They praise the Lord !

The children, too, come home —
From lands afar, from many a city street —
Beneath their childhood's roof what memories meet !
Around the bounteous board
They praise the Lord !

Dear Shepherd, bring us home —
When all the days of all our years are told,
Lead to the shelter of Thy heavenly fold.
Reclaimed, redeemed, restored,
We'll praise Thee, Lord !

— Outlook.