

both public and private, to Him in whose hands are the issues of life and death.

Prayer is rewarded by a confidence which drives out fear, sustaining us by a present sense of protection in the time of peril. And I feel assured that were any kingdom, province, city or family, to assemble from time to time in humble prayer, confessing their sins, as the people of Nineveh did, the same happy result would ensue. To meet in our Churches, where we ourselves and our children have been baptised, and from which, in holy devotion, we have followed our parents and neighbours to the tomb, and to accompany God's Ministers with our heart and voice, beseeching Him, through the merits of His blessed Son, to avert the Pestilence, against which no art of man can avail, would at once heal the wounded spirit, strengthen the feeble minded, and raise the weeping eye from earth to heaven. Moreover, such a general and sincere act of devout humiliation would elevate and sanctify the whole bearing of Society, abash the ridicule of the wicked, and force upon them thoughts of another world.

The great leading iniquity of the passing age, and of which the wars and tumults now agitating Europe are the natural fruits, is the practical and systematic separation of