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## GENERAL INTENTION FOR APRIL.

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### STABILITY OF OUR CHRISTIAN HOPES.

Were the history of Hope written, it would be but the history of heroic deeds and lofty achievements. The millions of martyrs who underwent tortures for faith or for virtue's sake did so with a heavenly smile upon their lips and a prayer for their executioners, while the latter were stricken with fear and trembling. The anchorites who peopled the desert fasted and watched with a holy joy. The cloistered nun embraces the Cross, and astonishes the world when she exclaims:—"O, let me either suffer or die," with a St. Theresa, or with the Florentine Saint:—"Let me not die, but rather let me suffer." The poor and the outcast, while faith was yet a living thing in their hearts, rejoiced in their privations and their abjection. For thereby were they not rendered more like to their Redeemer? Such indeed are the results of Chris-