

declare all the counsel of God. The difficulties, which must occur, will indeed require on our part faith and hopefulness, patience and self-denial. These are all gifts from above, and for them we need that you, brethren, should pray for us.

Above all, we need the special help of God to be kept in faith and holiness, that we may have within us the constant motive to a devoted life. We must be personally holy; our prayers must ever ascend; it must be manifest that we have been with Jesus. Our own union with Christ—entire and humble trust in Him—our love springing out of our own deep sense of what God has wrought for us in Christ, must ever fill our souls with gushing fervour, so that we may account any service for Him a delight, and long only to see Him, and to be with Him for ever.

Brethren, pray for us, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in us, and we in Him; and that by His Church speedily may be made known the manifold wisdom of Christ.

All these blessings and aids your prayers may accomplish for us. Oh! render us this help. Be thus united to us in true fellowship. We shall thus be one—one in Christ—one Holy Church—one in prayers and labours for the same one work. Time and space do not separate the people of God. It is only sin that really separates us from one another, and from God. We may be one in Christ by a living faith. We, who are seemingly at a distance, shall be near—in the services of the sanctuary, and in holy labours, and in communion with Jesus, we shall be knit together more and more, and so prepared for the day of triumph, when all earthly barriers shall be removed, and the whole body of the Church be seen gathered, of all ages and nations; sowers of one day, reapers of another; prayers and workers rejoicing together. The weary and harassed labourers will be at rest for ever, and the faithful children of prayer be lifting up unceasing praises, and wondering, with never-ending admiration, at the vast effects of their petitions offered when on earth before the throne of grace.