

been very near to expend my last drop of blood in the battle I am fighting against Rome,—I feel ready and happy to continue the struggle till the last day of my life. It is so pleasant to take away those precious souls from the feet of the Pope of Rome to the feet of Jesus! There is such a joy in my head when I hear those multitudes of converts from Popery, singing the praises of the Lamb who has been slain for them, and who has saved them by his death!

But you, Protestants, who are fighting Rome at a long distance, and who are kept by the hands of Providence far away from the field of danger; you will perhaps never realize what we have to suffer, where the Great Captain of our Salvation calls us to be at the front of the battle.

I thank God that Rome leaves you in peace, when she sends her blind multitudes to curse us and strike us, that you are safe in your happy homes, when we are bruised by the stones,—that you are tolerated, respected and feared, when we are assailed and covered with mud and in danger to be slaughtered,—that you can praise the Lord in your beautiful churches, when my poor church is a heap of ruins at the order of the Pope!

But if we have to shed tears, when you rejoice; if we are ruined, when you are rich; if we are in constant danger of death, when you are in peace—will you bear me; if in this dark hour which is over me and my dear converts, I say to you again—“Brethren, in the name of Jesus, pray for us—do not forsake us—help us again to the extent of your noble hearts and the means the God of Heaven has put into your christian hands.”

Believe me, yours forever,
Grateful brother in Christ,
C. CHINIQUEY.

P. S.—I will send you one volume of my answer to the grand Vicar of London, for every one who will give or raise one dollar to help me to build my church; and, besides that, my photograph (twelve inches large), to every one who will give or collect \$5.

Mr. Chiniquy's work in the province of Quebec was prospering wonderfully when he was called away to Illinois. Hardly a week passes without a number of Roman Catholics recording their conversion to Protestantism. The *Aurora* and the *Montreal Witness* have recently published protests, signed by at least three hundred converts. It is a great trial to the converts at St. Anne's to lose their place of worship, but thousands will come to their help.

INVITATION FOR WEEK OF PRAYER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

January 1-8, 1871.

BELOVED CHRISTIAN BRETHREN THROUGHOUT
ALL NATIONS,—

The time has arrived for again addressing you on the subject of the annual Week of Prayer which has hitherto been largely and increasingly blessed, and for earnestly inviting you, in prospect of the approaching New Year, to make arrangements for its observances.

Events have occurred during the present year which appear more than ever to indicate the duty of all Christians to unite in contending for the sacred truths held by them in common, and in more devout aspiration to the Throne of Grace for greater love among themselves, and more combined action for the spread of the Gospel of Christ throughout the world.

The so-called Ecumenical Council at Rome has proclaimed a dogma utterly opposed alike to the letter and spirit of the Gospel, and to both civil and religious liberty, that unless arrested by Divine grace in answer to united prayer, would threaten the bulwarks of our holy faith, and impede the progress of Divine truth as opposed to all vain pretensions.

Whilst we address you, war has broken out between nations professedly Christian. This calamity has necessitated the postponement of the General Conference of Christians in New York, to which the children of God in all lands had looked forward with much interest and prayerful expectation of blessing; but although ‘the waters roar,’ and ‘the mountains shake,’ and ‘the kingdoms are moved,’ ‘God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, therefore will not we fear.’ ‘The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.’

Beloved Brethren, these and other circumstances, especially the remembrance of Divine mercies vouchsafed in answer to united prayer, call upon us, as many as may be graciously spared to enter upon the New Year, to inaugurate its commencement by such devout and combined prostration at the mercy-seat of God, as may ensure to us the fulfilment of the promise of strength and protection. In this spirit and faith, let us all, of whatever language and denomination, unmindful of our minor differences, cordially unite, as well at other times as more especially during the Week of Prayer, in pleading with our own Father in heaven, in the name of our one Lord, Redeemer, and Intercessor, invoking the same Divine blessings, and that the time may speedily arrive when the whole earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.