

When you, in Britain, determined to oppose this growing danger, we, in Canada, were with you from the start. Like you, we saw the folly of waiting passively for our turn to come. We will be with you to the end.

We are fighting ^{to defend} ~~for~~ democratic and Christian ideals. We believe that everything which free men value and cherish, on this side of the grave, is in peril in this war. The right of men, rich and poor, to be treated as men; the right of men to make the laws by which they shall be governed; the right of men to work where they will, at what they will; the right of womankind to the serenity and sanctity of the home; the right of children to play in safety under peaceful heavens; the right of old men and women to the tranquillity of their sunset; the right to speak the truth in our hearts; the right to worship, in our own way, the God in whom we believe.

When war came, Canada did not hesitate. But I am bound to say that our resolve and our determination have been strengthened by your magnificent endurance. We have been deeply moved by the example of the King and Queen sharing the dangers and sorrows of their people. We have been stirred by your voice, Prime Minister, sounding the battle cry of humanity. But, above all, we have been inspired by the undaunted courage and unshaken faith with which millions of ordinary men and women have faced destruction and death. We, in Canada, cannot all share your dangers, but we are proud to share your burdens. We are determined to share them ^{to the utmost of our strength} ~~in increasing measure~~