

can all help each other, and we are bound to pray for each other ; and in these our days does there not seem to be

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to pray for their brethren who are in schism and heresy, who have been born outside the pale of the Church, who have grown up in prejudice, ignorance and error. Oh ! what multitudes are there, many of them who are full of sincerity, full of earnestness, and pray fervently, who are seeking for the kingdom of God, who are groping it may be in the darkness in which they do not believe that they are, who are looking for the Church and endeavoring to serve the great God that made them and to love Jesus Christ according to their knowledge and ability. And the Holy Ghost is sending out His grace upon the land, and is speaking to innumerable souls that are in error through no fault of theirs. Heresy and the heretical spirit followed the schism created three centuries ago, and these who have been born into it since that time have been born into it by their misfortune, and not by their fault, and God is calling multitudes of them, calling them to make the sacrifice of all human things, to give up possessions, to give up friends, to give up old traditions, to give up all that the human heart desires, to make the sacrifice of all things, to leave father and mother, to "let the dead bury the dead," calling them to follow Jesus Christ just as in the days when He was here calling men to follow Him, to give up all human considerations. His call was enough ; so is it now. He is calling a great multitude. They need grace, they need more light, they need strength, they need a special out-pouring of divine grace, and who is to get it for them from the heart of Jesus ? It is their own brethren who are in the faith, it is we who have the light, who, through no merit of our own, have been born or brought into the Church ; it is we who can help these our brethren outside by our earnest prayers to God in their behalf. Let them be well assured of this that conversions to the Church are not going to be made so much by controversy, by argument, as by prayer and grace. Few, comparatively few, are capable of entering