

consumed with the zeal of the glory of God; hallowing His name, devoting thyself to establishing His kingdom, and to the conversion and sanctification of souls; perfect and gentle Victim, offering Thy holiest of lives, to immolation, Thy royalty to humiliation, Thy glory to abjection Thy sovereign rights to obedience! Annihilating Thyself and burying Thyself alive in death enclosed, in the shroud of the sacramental species! And there, like a dead body, accepting everything, silently submitting to everything and until the end of time!

Penetrate into that tomb in which lies the Living, the glorious King of angels and men. See Him adoring, appeasing, satisfying, the justice of His Father; offering His past sufferings, His actual humiliations, His poverty, His obedience, His love, to make up for wrongs, offences, rebellions, crimes and ingratitude. O if God is cruelly offended by men, how magnificently is He honored by the heroic Priest (by the silent but indefatigable Victim of propitiation) Jesus in the Eucharist!

IV.—PRAYER.

Prayer, the highest and most indispensable duty of religion the creature owes to the Creator, to recognize our absolute dependence upon Him, and the necessity in which we are expecting everything and receiving all from His gracious bounty: Prayer, and supplication is the expression of that duty and yet man refuses to fulfil it, depending rath upon himself, his own strength and natural gifts. But the Word has become incarnate to pray in order to perform God the duty of prayer to offer Him the homage of that dependence, to send up to Him that incense of humble and persevering prayer, so agreeable to Him. He has prayed on His knees, prostrated, humiliated, with sighs, with tears, day and night, and now our tabernacles are the sanctuaries of His prayer which knows not weariness, nor interruption. He prays in all perfection because He knows the intentions of God on all things, because He seeks only His glory His will, His reign; because He is pure, devoted loved by God His Father, who cannot refuse Him anything. Pray with this