

principalities and powers, against the rulers of the world of this darkness, against the spirits of wickedness, in the high places. Therefore take unto you the armour of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and to stand in all things perfect. Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of justice, and your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace. In all things taking the shield of faith wherewith you may be able to extinguish all the fiery darts of the most wicked one. And take unto you the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit which is the word of God. By all prayer and supplication praying at all times in the spirit, and in the same watching with all instance and supplication for all the saints." (Eph. VI, 10-18.)

Mindful of these words of the Apostle, we call upon the clergy and the faithful under our charge to pray without ceasing for the restoration of peace, beseeching Almighty God to touch with His grace the minds and the wills of men that they may stretch forth their hands not to slay but to lift up and bless their fellowmen. Let earnest supplication be made for the Church to the end that all its members, united in one saving faith, may renew and bind more closely the union of all peoples. Let us with deeper fervour implore the King of Peace to guide and strengthen His Vicar, the Sovereign Pontiff, and grant him the consolation of knowing that the nations have heeded his words and ceased from the work of destruction. Above all, let each of us set