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## GENERAL INTENTION FOR MARCH.

*Named by the Cardinal Protector and blessed by the Pope  
for all Associates.*

### Devotion to the Crucifix.

In connection with the subject of this month's intention, Holy Writ exhibits two passages which, if not parallel, are analagous and very striking: the one from the New Testament after the great work of Redemption had been accomplished, the other from the Old before the coming of Our Lord.

"And I saw an Angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the sign of the living God; and he cried with a loud voice to the four Angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying: "Hurt not the earth, nor the sea, nor the trees, till we sign the servants of our God in their foreheads" (Apoc. vii 2, 3). What was this mysterious sign, endowed with preternatural power to stay the hands of the destroying Angels, here mentioned by St. John while he prophetically describes the appalling events which are to precede the world's final destruction? Were it