

horizon, and consider the deplorable state of other civilized countries. There the peril is becoming more imminent from day to day, the pernicious formulas of Socialism are accepted by the masses ; the laboring classes, which form the great bulk of the population in every country, are awaiting but the signal of their leaders, and this will be followed by an upheaval which will shake the very basis of society. Far-seeing men, even unfriendly to the Church, are beginning to acknowledge that the sole and sovereign remedy for the evil is a return full and entire to the saving principles of Catholicism.

Were Europe and America now thoroughly Catholic, would it be too much to say that, in all probability, the whole world would soon acknowledge the benign sway of the Church ?

Can we conceive anything which would render us more agreeable in the sight of God than that, becoming for others the heralds of faith, we should lead them back into the fold over which Jesus Christ presides as the Divine Shepherd ? Powerless alone, our united prayers can compass this glorious end, and it is for this that we are to pray with more than usual fervor during the month consecrated to the devotion of the Mother of God.

PRAYER.

O Jesus, through the most pure Heart of Mary, I offer Thee all the prayers, work and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Thy Divine Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, in reparation of all sins and for all requests presented through the Apostleship of Prayer ; in particular for the conversion of heretics and unbelievers.—Amen.