

object has always been peace—peace in which our institutions may be developed, the condition of our peoples improved, and the problems of government solved in the spirit of good-will. This peace they have taken from us and they are seeking to destroy all that we have striven to maintain. Against our honesty is set dishonour, against our faithfulness is set treachery, against our justice brute force.

There in clear and unmistakable opposition lie the forces that now confront one another. The great uprising of the peoples throughout the empire shows without doubt which will prevail. They have risen in just wrath against a thing which they detest and despise. Nothing can shake their resolution. In perfect unity of purpose they will defend their lives and all that makes life worth living.

Let no one think that my confidence is dimmed when I tell you how perilous is the ordeal which we are facing. On the contrary, it shines in my heart as brightly as it shines in yours. But confidence alone is not enough. It must be armed with courage and resolution, with endurance and self-sacrifice.

These are the high qualities that the men of the homeland and the men from overseas in an unending stream are bringing to the struggle on land and sea and in the air.

At this moment our thoughts turn to our fighting men and to those who love them, mothers, wives and sweethearts at home. Beside them stand soldiers of our ally, France, and with them Poland and Norway, Belgium and Holland, peoples upon whose peaceful lands has fallen all the horrors of treacherous and unprovoked aggression.

At this fateful hour we turn, as our fathers before us have turned in all times of trial, to God the Most High. Here in the old country I have asked that Sunday next should be observed as a day of national prayer. It may be possible for many of our brethren across seas to join their prayers with ours. Let us with one heart and soul humbly but confidently commit our cause to God and ask His aid that we may valiantly defend the right as it is given to us to see it.

So now, peoples of the Empire, men and women in all quarters of the globe, I say to you: Put into your task, whatever it may be, all the courage and purpose of which we are capable. Keep your hearts proud and your resolve unshaken. Let us go forward to that task as one man, a smile on our lips and our heads held high, and with God's help we shall not fail.