

gifts of the natural order, gifts of the supernatural order, gifts of peace here below, gifts of glory above.

One should at least not have any selfishness nor attribute anything as coming to self, and one should to faithfully use the gifts of God for His glory and in conformity to His will. It follows that Jesus alone is capable of paying to God all the debt of gratitude He deserves. He alone knows all His goodness, He alone has fathomed the depths of God's mercy the richness of His treasures. He sees all His gifts in all creatures; He sees them in Himself also, incomparably more precious and more abounding in Himself alone than in all creatures together. And He neither keeps nor attributes anything to Himself: "I seek not my own glory, but the glory Him who sent." "Who is good but God only?" From all our tabernacles therefore there rises an unceasing hymn of thanksgiving to God, and it is Jesus who sings it in the name of all the creatures of whom He is the Head and whose graces are all the fruits of His Blood.

Thank God and consider with Jesus Christ the gifts you have received; realize their worth; and above all look at the Gift of gifts, the Holy Eucharist, which is the summary of all the magnificent and generous gifts of God, Thanks God for it in union with Jesus, endeavoring to imitate His humility His faithfulness, His disinterestedness: for gratitude is humble, faithful and disinterested.

III.—PROPITIATION.

Since sin has entered into the world, there cannot be any religion toward God that does not contain an expression of reparation and expiation of sin. But in order to offer to the infinite majesty of God a reparation equal to the infinite offence of sin there must be a victim of infinite price and a priest whose holiness is also infinite. That priest and Victim is our Lord Jesus Christ. He has offered Himself upon the cross, He offers and immolates Himself at the Holy altar as the victim of expiation destined to calm the wrath of God, to satisfy His justice, to obtain from His mercy the forgiveness of the guilty. O holy Priest: O pure and innocent and spotless Priest!