

wants during life will always continue, prayer must never cease but with life itself. The grace of persevering in prayer is the surest pledge of all other graces. God grant it to us, dear brethren, and with it, the grace to continue faithful in His holy love.

We cannot conclude this letter without adverting to the present troubled condition of the world. The spectacle of Europe "red with carnage, dark with dismantled homes and agonized hearts" is indeed a sad reflection on modern civilization, but, as long as the world will last, nations will have recourse to arms whenever principles are to be defended on pain of dishonor. At present it is British freedom against Prussian tyranny; it is a struggle for right and civilization against brutal force and despotism. Realizing the justice of our cause, it is our duty to assist the Empire by every means in our power. There is no use minimizing the danger to which we are exposed. The outlook is very serious. It is to be regretted that people do not take the matter more earnestly to heart. Men who are physically fit are still wanted in the army; in the matter of enlisting there should be no delay. Certain consequences of the war are already being felt; it is well that we should prepare ourselves for what may follow. All people, rich and poor, should economize in dress, amusements, food, and especially in liquor. We should live more simple lives, be satisfied with necessaries, and refrain from luxuries. This is advisable at all times, but, during the war, it is a patriotic duty. Prices of commodities are now high and may go higher. When peace comes there will be dislocation of trade and industry, and much unemployment; there will also be high taxes to meet the war's expenses, so, it is wise to prepare against the evil day.

We must not forget that it is also our duty to beseech Almighty God that the leaders of the Empire may have the divine guidance in the conduct of the war, and that a speedy victory may be given our arms with an honorable peace.