

understand that the Catholic Church, through this Appeal which she makes to them, causes to shine before their eyes her perfect unity and the spirit of life which animates her, in order to encourage them to go away from error to satisfy the need they all feel of truth, and of assuring their eternal salvation.

Let us engage them to unite their prayers with ours, to obtain of the Father of mercies the grace they so much stand in need of, to cause the wall of division which separates them from Rome to fall down, and to drive away the darkness of error which prevents them from entering the bosom of Mother Church, who fed their forefathers in the fertile pasturages of truth, and administered the sacraments which kept in them the life of grace.

§ 7.—ALL THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH OUGHT TO ENTER INTO THESE SENTIMENTS OF THEIR FATHER  
IN JESUS CHRIST.

Following the example of Our Father, who fulfils with so much zeal the Apostolic ministry confided to him by the Lord, let us sincerely love our separated brethren, and let us take all the means in our power, to cause them to enter into the fold of Christ, who is the Son of the living God. Like him, let us dread having to answer for their souls at the tribunal of the Sovereign Judge, if, through our negligence, we do not give them assured means of discovering the way which leads to eternal salvation. Whilst offering to God our sacrifices and our thanksgivings, let us not cease, by day or by night, to join our prayers with those of our common Father, for those, who, being his children, are our brethren, that we may obtain for them from the eternal Pastor, the abundance of his graces and light. How unworthy soever we may be, let us, with the Vicar of Jesus Christ upon the earth, hold up our hands towards heaven, and let us hope, whilst framing ardent desires, for the return of our separated brethren into the bosom of our holy Mother the Catholic Church.

Let us continually breathe wishes that this good Father may at length have the consolation of receiving into the house of the heavenly Father, those dear children who have the misfortune of living so long a time in deplorable errors, and of enriching them with the inexhaustible treasures of the divine mercy.