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General Intention for November named by the Cardinal Protector and blessed by the Pope.

THE Church of God received from her Divine Founder an inherent strength, by virtue of which her influence spreads day by day. This is manifest in the growth of Christian nations, which is due chiefly to the breathing and help of the Holy Ghost. "For our Gospel hath not been unto you in word only, but in power also, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much fulness, as you know what manner of men we have been among you for your sakes." (I Thes. i. 5.) But much is also done by men and in a human way; for God makes use of men and their efforts to carry out His own designs. In the first rank of those who work in His interests we must put the preachers of the Word of God. Christ's positive command to His apostles was: "Go ye into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." (Marc. xvi, 15.) St. Paul realized the importance of the preacher's rôle when he said: "How, then,