

hovering over us, that He will preserve the field of the father of the family from the cruel inroads of the enemy, that He will check the ruthless attempts of a haughty power, which threatens the liberties of the Church and the peace of Christendom. We will conjure Him to spare and preserve the combined armies of our gracious Sovereign and of her allies now going forth to combat in behalf of justice, to grant them a speedy and thorough victory, to the end that under renewed peace and serenity, our hearts being entirely subject to His Divine will, we altogether may be enabled to praise, love and gratefully bless His infinite mercies. *Ut et corda nostra mandatis tuis dedita, et hostium sablatâ formidine, tempora sint tuâ protectione tranquilla (Oratio pro pace).*

WHEREFORE, having called on the holy name of God, we have prescribed and hereby do prescribe what follows:

1o. From the day of the publication of the present Pastoral Letter up to the last Sunday in July inclusively, on each Sunday and Holiday of obligation, at the close of the Morning Service, five *Paters* and five *Aves* are to be offered up in all our parochial, conventual and non-parochial churches where public service is performed, to implore the protection of heaven in behalf of the allied forces of England and France engaged in war against Russia.

2o. In the mean time every priest will add to the usual prayers at daily mass, the prayer *Pro tempore belli*, in conformity with the Rubrics of the Missal.

3o. At all the benedictions of the Blessed Sacrament, on the above-mentioned days, at the conclusion of the afternoon office, the anthem, verse and prayer *Pro pace*, are to be sung.

This our present Pastoral Letter is to be read and published at the Prone of the parochial masses in all the churches of this diocess and in chapter in all conventual houses, the first Sunday after its reception.

Given at Quebec, under our hand and seal, and the countersignature of our Secretary, this eleventh day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

+ P. F. ARCHBISHOP OF QUEBEC.



By order of His Grace,

EDMOND LANGEVIN, PRST.,  
*Secretary.*