

especially to our mother country, and to God, who is the ruler of all. It may be, and will be, if the spirit of revolution among ourselves can be held in check, that our country may yet furnish, by force of better example, certain elements of stability to be derived from Christian sources to other lands on this continent where they are notoriously lacking. But be it so, or be it not so, let it be our endeavour to be faithful to God.

And now let us acknowledge the debt we are under to our good God at this time. Very manifestly has His protection been over us. No harm has come, notwithstanding the most murderous intentions on the part of our invaders, to any one of the brave defenders of our country. It is wonderful that it is so. To God be the thanks and praise that not one drop of the precious blood of our fellow-citizens has been shed. And let us acknowledge the deep debt of gratitude we are under to those brave men, who, disregarding their own personal convenience, and sacrificing all the attractions of their homes, offered themselves freely for the defence of their country. Theirs has been a noble example, and by it the selfishness of many others has been severely rebuked. All honour be to our brave defenders. They should be dear to us, and their example inspire the youth of the country with an ardent patriotic zeal.

And now, may the Lord Jesus Christ not "leave us comfortless." May he "come to us," and inspire all nations to speak the same things of truth and charity, of justice and uprightness, one with another; and may His Church have liberty "joyfully to serve God in all quietness," through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.