

"Man is a worshipping animal," and in his relation to the Highest it remains ever true that "they who fain would serve Thee best, are conscious most of wrong within." That the British and their Allies are far from indifferent to their National sins has been evidenced in the past two years, and the Call of the Commanders, Sir David Beatty and Sir William Robertson to National Prayer and Religious Revival form an encouraging augury as to the inbreathing or re-awakening of spiritual life throughout the Empire. We have no doubt about the justice of our Cause, but even so, we can believe that the Almighty has lessons for all to learn, nationally and individually, in this great strife.

"Ere we gain our heavenly-best, a God must mingle with the game."

Prayer does not mean cultivating pious expressions in words or features. Prayer is an attitude of mind, a state of heart towards the Creator who honours clean living and square dealing in individuals and nations.

"For what are men better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them friend?
For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God."

War Verse

(By Alexander Louis Fraser)

To Bereaved Mothers

Mothers! What though they died
Ere dew of morn
Upon their brave brows dried,
Be not forlorn.

None had a greater task
Than they—your dead!
No pity do they ask,
They say instead:

"How sweet it was to die
For something worth—
That Freedom's flag may fly
Around the earth.

'Twere death to live below
And high tasks shirk;
Think thus, as sad you go
About your work!"

To Munition Workers

While you toil on, far from the blood-red field,
Believe that every blow your tired hands give,
Forges yet stronger that resistless shield
Behind which Liberty alone can live.

And as you tend the fires both noon and night,
This, honest toilers, I would have you learn,
Without your aid, in Freedom's home, the light
Our fathers kindled soon would cease to burn!

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