

"Talk" of the New Year, let us say one word of the apostle of confidence in God. The sweet St. Francis de Sales, of whom St. Vincent de Paul said he was the most perfect imitator of Jesus Christ that ever lived. His feast falls on January 29, and so he is a fitting patron for the glad New Year. Listen to him as he gives us a maxim for it:

"We have to deal with a Master who is lavish of His great mercy on all those who invoke it. He will quit us of a debt of ten thousand talents, if we beg it of Him."

Let us take it to our souls and feed on its comfort. The gentle Bishop of Geneva, he who delighted in being called a Savoyard, so great was his simplicity, he will teach us this lesson of eternity. To trust our Lord in all, and for all, and so we will begin in time the eternal years of God, full of peace and sweet security. How could it be otherwise? His will is our sanctification. Let us do it and this year will work miracles. 'Twill make us saints.

PETITIONS.

Mr. L., Taylor's Isle, Md., prays for a conversion; M. T., Detroit, Mich., asks a special favor; I. H. T., Boston, a husband's return to the church; Sr G., Louisville, desires prayers for divers intentions.

Thanks are returned for favors received through Our Lady by D. Z., N. Y. City.

Prayers are asked for a mother that her health may be restored; for brothers that they may reform, attend to their duties and get good situations; for the prosperity of a young man in his profession; for the successful sale of some property and that stolen money may be restored.

The prayers of our readers are also requested for one who is in danger of becoming totally blind.

Our kind readers are requested in their charity to pray for the following intentions: Miss K. A. W.'s special intention; for Mrs. H. F. G., of New York City, to obtain restoration of health; for the brother and his family of Rev. D. L. M., grace of happy death to a young man; conversion of the lukewarm of a certain parish; for conversion to true faith of Mrs. J. C. W.; also for another conversion; for mother of T. F. S., to obtain relief; a religious asks prayers for a relative, who was instantly killed, also for the distressed family; Mrs. J. L. asks prayers that her eye may be restored, also asks prayers for her son, Jno. J. L.; for the aversion of hog cholera, which threatens to destroy means of living of benefactors in the West; Mrs. P. C. asks prayers to obtain a cure from eczema; a mother and wife asks prayers for her husband's conversion to his

religious and family duties, and that he may give up drink; prayers are asked for two persons to obtain work, for a mother's health, that a member may quit drinking, that another may go to his duty, and that a young lady may gain health in Colorado; for Mrs. J. Mc., to obtain relief in suffering; M. E., Pittsburg, Pa., asks prayers to be cured from nervousness, also that the members of the family may obtain steady work; for recovery of a mother and four children; Mrs. M. W. asks that her husband may be restored to her; Miss F. W. asks for grace of a cure or a happy death; three conversions; a temporal favor; R. N. asks prayers for a friend who has not yet made first Communion, for a situation for her brother and for particular intentions.

Letters of Thanksgiving.

"I wish to have thanks returned for a singular favor obtained through the Scapular of our Blessed Lady. Not long ago the straw stack near my cousin's barn burned down; it was almost as large as the barn and as near it that it was, as many remarked, 'a miracle that the barn did not burn down with it.' I threw a Scapular into the water used to quench the fire, and soon after the wind turned from the barn, and the barn was saved.

"Miss M. SCH., Wis."

PRAYERS of thanksgiving are asked in honor of Blessed Gerard Majella, C. S. S. R., for eyesight preserved.

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