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## GENERAL INTENTION FOR MARCH.

*Blessed by the Pope for all Associates.*

### CHRISTIAN FORBEARANCE IN SUFFERING.

**F**VER since fallen man was driven from the Garden of delights he has struggled against the infliction of the just penalty meted out to him by the Almighty. He has striven to lighten his burden of labour and has done his utmost if not to annihilate, at least to escape, suffering. Individuals as well as nations have invariably aimed at "bettering themselves in the world," which is always taken to mean less suffering and an increase of comforts.

The waning century forms no exception to those gone before. It may be because we have been identified with it that our verdict as to its character is so unanimous, but we have no hesitation in declaring that among its compeers it is emphatically the century of progress. And we dwell on this with a certain pride, as if it reflected credit upon us all. And why not? — for if the age is more enlightened and wonderfully progressive,