

light of the true faith that we possess ; the vocation to the true Church ; all those interior graces which move our mind and heart towards Him ; all those examples, those excellent devotions which help so much to augment our knowledge and love for Him ? All this will help us to realise how much we owe to God.

So great is the magnificence of God's gifts that we might say that He is perpetually at work for our sake. He has made us the kings of creation ; animals and plants, the very elements and the forces of Nature are become subject to us. God's earth gives us food ; His sun gives us light ; His little birds give us music ; His breezes fan our cheeks ; His creatures are constantly giving us pleasure and happiness ; so that we may truthfully say that the goodness, wisdom and power of God are every moment at our service. Can we wonder, then, that man should thank God for all these gifts ? Or, is God asking too much when He asks man to show his gratitude ?

During His mortal career we find Him looking for some signs of gratitude from those whom He had helped. Is there anything more pathetic than the reproach He makes for the ingratitude of the nine lepers ? One day He was on His way to Jerusalem when ten lepers came to meet Him, crying out ; " Jesus Master have mercy on us ! " Our Lord beheld their sad plight ; His tender heart was moved to pity, and he said to them. " Go, show yourselves to the priests. " This they did and they were made clean. The first impulse of a generous soul would have been to return on the spot and give thanks to so great a benefactor. However, only one, a Samaritan, went back to thank the Merciful Lord for the miracle that had been wrought in him. The Gospel tells that he fell on his face before the Lord, giving thanks,