

we live in troublous times, and if we would wish to remain safe amid the convulsions which shake the nations, our soil to be sacred to freedom, and our altars undefiled by the touch of any ruthless invader, we must in addition to our giving outward expression of our thankfulness for the blessings we enjoy, and availing ourselves of every means of protection within our reach. "come boldly to the throne of grace" and "cry mightily unto God." We must pray for our Queen, that her throne may be established in righteousness, that she may be long the delight of her subjects, and the defender of right all over the world—pray for her people that they may be a people fearing God and hating covetousness—pray for her legislators, that they may be guided with wisdom from above, and ever seek the glory of God rather than the favor of men—pray for our churches, that their number may be increased, their purity in doctrine preserved, and their dissensions, which have done so much injury to the cause of Christ, speedily healed—pray for the poor heathen, that they may be delivered from the chains of darkness and brought to a saving knowledge of the truth. And nothing but the cross of Christ can do this. *It* is the only means of conversion owned and blessed by heaven. Like a sunbeam flooding across the mariner's path, after days of tempest and nights of darkness, so does its light shed an ineffable lustre upon the wandering sinner's soul, and pierce the deepest gloom of heathenism. We ought further to pray that the men whose hearts are set on war may be smitten with a sense of guilt, and led to abandon their evil designs, so that the tranquillity of the world may be restored, and peace on earth and good will toward men may more and more abound.

Such are the subjects we ought to bear upon our spirits, in our approaches to God's mercy seat on this morning of thanksgiving; and when we pray for others, let us remember our *own* manifold infirmities and wants, and our utter unworthiness to draw nigh to God, and he will hearken and answer. He will fulfil our "just desires," through the merits of his only begotten Son, our risen Lord and Saviour. His blessing will rest upon our favored land. Secure and happy under the government of our beloved Queen, our commerce will prosper, and our efforts to pro-