

Who will deny that the century now ebbing away, notwithstanding its brilliancy, has a great deal to atone for? In Europe, bloody wars ushered it in, under an ambitious Corsican, and a struggle, equally bloody, is ushering it out, on the veldts of South Africa. The inhuman massacres and the other crimes and scandals that so frequently, during the past hundred years, desecrated the Church Militant, need reparation. The innumerable sins that, during the same long period, have been committed, — sins which, by their effects, still cry to heaven for vengeance, — prove that the souls of men need a renewal, and that the first year of the new century could not be better employed than in prayer and penance. Such a year would be, in some slight way, and atonement to God for the past, and a pledge, undoubtedly, of a brighter and more peaceful era, before us in the future.

Our thousands of readers, should, therefore, make an effort to carry out the provisions of the Jubilee year and to gain the indulgences. Let them do this, not merely with respect and love for a venerable custom, as becomes Christians; nor with thanksgiving and full obedience to faith, as becomes Catholics; but in a spirit of penance and hope, as becomes poor sinners who see the years and centuries slipping noiselessly and uselessly away.

The alacrity with which we shall set out to gain the indulgences and other spiritual favors, during the coming Jubilee, will be the measure of our love for Christ's Church and our zeal for the interests of our own souls.

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Daily prayer during this month.

Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer Thee, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the prayers, good works and sufferings of this day, in reparation for our sins, and according to all the intentions for which thou sacrificest Thyself continually on the altar. I offer them, and in particular that the coming Jubilee may work a reformation in the children of the Church.