

BICENTENARY REPORT.

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GOD, the strength of all those that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and grant us the help of Thy grace, that this Diocese which has begun a Cathedral to the glory of Thy great Name, the honor of Thy holy Church, and the welfare of Thy people, may be blessed in its endeavor, and enabled to bring it to perfection, through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

GOD, who didst put it into the hearts of Thy faithful people to begin the erection of a Cathedral for this Diocese to Thy honor and glory; we yield Thee hearty thanks for Thy great goodness in enabling them to complete the part begun.

We implore Thy blessing upon it, that it may be a means of preserving our most Holy Faith, and strengthening and extending Thy Kingdom. Grant that the worship offered within its walls may ever be acceptable in Thy sight, that Thy Word spoken within it may never be spoken in vain, and that amongst all who gather together in Thy Name, peace and concord, love and unity, truth and righteousness may forever abound.

Hear us, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

ALmighty and Eternal Father, who rulest all things in Heaven and earth, we yield Thee hearty thanks for Thy great mercy in planting Thy Church in this land, and for Thy watchful care under which it has grown through the last two hundred years.

WE implore thy blessing upon this Congress and all efforts to commemorate Thy loving kindness towards us. Give us grace to learn, alike from failures and success, our own weakness and daily dependence upon Thee. Send Thy Holy Spirit upon us that all our doings may be ordered and directed for the advancement of Thy Kingdom and the glory and honour of Thy Holy Name. Hear us, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord. Amen.