

poverty, of a human mother. He labored, was weary, He was hungry and thirsty, as we are: He performed miracles, placing at our service, in His compassion for our miseries, His marvellous omnipotence, which rules over sickness, afflictions and death, and makes them retreat. He announced the truth for which human reason longs, the eternal truth, without any mixture of error, with regard to God, His majesty, His goodness, His mercy, and with regard to our sublime destinies.

The great crime of the Jews, was to repel Him, to refuse to acknowledge Him, and to persecute Him down to His death on Calvary. Alas! the great crime of nations at the present hour is, to refuse to the God of the Eucharist the means of establishing His beneficent empire and ruling it for the good of souls. Disowned and persecuted, men desire to make Him disappear, even from His material temples, after having snatched from Him the soul of children and of Christians of all conditions. Oh! make reparation for this great crime, by becoming more and more faithful to the Eucharist and by bringing souls to it as fast as it is possible for you to do so.

#### PRAYER

Ask for the grace of a lively, hearty faith in this great fact of the Eucharist perpetuating for you upon earth the presence of the Incarnate Word. Ask to believe so easily and in so inspiring a manner that the Eucharist is Jesus in person, that it may draw you towards Him, and that His presence may impress you and excite in you the same feelings you would have if you were to see the Saviour in His crib, upon Thabor, or on the cross.

Ask this faith and these feelings not only for you but for the nations at large. All nations belong to the Lord, they are the inheritance of Christ, and, because they have disregarded His presence amongst them, and have taken no account of His supreme authority, He feels Himself bound to upbraid them and to rule them with His "iron rod." Let us then acknowledge that we are not our own masters, but that Christ alone is the Master and Ruler of nations as well as of individuals. Let us with most heartfelt pleadings and most earnest prayers, call for the extension and the lasting establishment of His Eucharistic Kingdom on earth, over nations and peoples, the most assured pledge of durable peace.