

PRAYER.

Jesus fully accomplished the purpose of His coming on earth as a gift to mankind.

By means of His Sacrifice on Calvary's height and His daily immolation on our altars, the infinite God receives an infinite homage of adoration and His supreme rights are recognized, proclaimed and accepted. Not only has man been taught the road leading to eternal life, but he has been endowed with strength to persevere upon it. Hence forth it depends solely on his free choice whether he enter Heaven in triumph, or not. God has done His part. He has given us all the means necessary to win the palm of victory and the crown of glory. He still bestows them on us all every day of our lives. In the Holy Eucharist, His divine Son is given daily and without stinting to all, and with Him, everything we may need. All the cravings of our heart are satisfied, nothing now remains to be desired. "*Filius datus est nobis*".

Let us not be so senseless as to allow this treasure, this heavenly gift to lie useless; rather let us put it to profit without further delay.

What can God our Father refuse us, when He has given us His divine Son, the Blessed Sacrament and the ineffable gift of Holy Communion?

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The 15th of August was celebrated in a frontier village by a Mass said in the open street. A brigade of infantry and a hussar regiment were present. Close by were traces of recent fighting; burnt haystacks and ruined homesteads. In the distance were the Vosges Mountains, whose "blue line" appeals so strongly to the French soldier of today. After Mass, the priest turned round and said: "I wish to say a word to the officers and soldiers present. You are every day exposed to death; you must be ready to appear before God. We are pressed for time, and I cannot hear the confession of each one. Make an act of contrition and I will give absolution to all those who make the Sign of the Cross." Every hand was raised, and the grave Latin words echoed whilst the heads of the soldiers were bowed.