

God, it must be because I do not sufficiently feed upon the bread of divine Life or because I feed badly upon it, not receiving it with proper aptness, and not faithfully absorbing its vital influences.

It is a sad question to be examined, but one which nevertheless must be inquired into, and thoroughly discussed : for it is a matter of living through the Eucharist or of dying in spite of the bread of life.

IV.—SUPPLICATION

Repeat for yourself these words of ardent desire of those who heard the promise in regard to the marvellous Bread of life : " Lord, give us always this Bread : *Domine, da nobis semper panem hunc !* "

The divine Master has introduced them in the formula of the most excellent of prayers : " Give us this day our daily bread."

And out of compassion for the lingering, the hungry, the sick and the dead who surround you, deprived of the bread of life through their own fault or ignorance, repeat to Jesus with His apostles : " Lord, see in the midst of this wilderness of life this multitude starving for want of true nourishment ! Have pity on them."

— PRACTICE —

Perseverance in receiving the Bread of life with a proper preparation and a faithful conformity with its divine influences.

