

Most Precious Blood of our Saviour,  
 To which our best homage we bring  
 In gratitude meet for the treasures  
 Drawn from thy life-giving spring.

Health for the weak and the weary,  
 Wisdom for scholar and sage,  
 Guidance for youth's joyous morning,  
 Hope for the dark years of age.

Life-giving wine of the martyrs  
 Who fearlessly went to their doom,  
 For the light in Thy ruby drops glowing  
 Had robbed every torture of gloom.

Strengthen our hearts for the combat,  
 Till after earth's sorrow and strife  
 We pass by Thy power through the portals  
 Which lead to the kingdom of Life.

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## THE PRECIOUS BLOOD IN THE LIGHT OF FAITH

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### IV.

#### THE WITNESSES OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD.

The beloved disciple who witnessed those supreme scenes attests them as follows : " He that saw it, says he, hath given testimony, and his testimony is true. And he knoweth that he says true, that you also may believe. For these things were done that the scripture might be fulfilled : They shall look on him whom they pierced." John XIX, 35-37. St. Paul teaches us more expressly what we ought to believe and contemplate regarding the Precious Blood ; he recalls the most solemn entrance which the highpriest alone made only once a year in the holy of holies, bearing in his hands a large cup filled with the blood of the victims, and trembling while he came to offer it to the Most High before the Ark of the Covenant, then the Apostle adds : " But Christ being come an high