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## GENERAL INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY.

*Named by the Cardinal Protector and blessed by the Pope  
for all Associates.*

**Catholic Seamen's Homes and Institutes.**

**I**T may be a grand sight, but it is one that calls up a feeling of sadness, when a great ship swings from her dock and sails away on the broad bosom of the ocean until the horizon hides her from view. The little world afloat will be cut off for days, or weeks, or months from all intercourse with their fellow men ashore, lost sight of on the immense expanse, and placed beyond the help of loving hearts at home.

Those who follow the sea for a livelihood deserve much commiseration from a purely temporal point of view, but are much more to be pitied when their eternal interests are considered. Few of the numberless vessels that put out from port are blessed with the presence of a priest, so that the seamen — and they are constantly exposed to mishap — have, in case of accident, to face death without hope of priestly assistance; and though all their voyages end prosper-