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In The Name Of Jesus
Every Knee Shall Bend

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Note marked quote on p. 28-29 -
which is especially interesting

written just before 1917

PRAYER

"O Peace-bringing King, O Prince of Peace! Thou Who hast the keys of life and death, grant the Peace of eternal rest to the souls of all faithful who have been swept to their death in this whirlwind of War and have been known and unknown, wept and unwept, and buried beneath the ruins of cities and villages destroyed... (Nov. 24, 1940).

"Our thoughts are with the courageous combatants, with the multitudes that are living in the zones of operations in occupied countries or within their own countries. We think—how could we not think—of the dead, of the millions of prisoners, of the mothers, wives, sons who for all their love of their Country are prey to mortal anguish. We think of the separation of married people, of the breakdown of family life, of famine and economic penury... (May 13, 1942).

"Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Refuge of the Human Race, Victress in all God's battles... To Thee, in this, Humanity's tragic hour, we consign and consecrate ourselves in union not only with the Mystical Body of thy Son,... now in such suffering and agony, but also with the entire world, torn by fierce strife, consumed in a fire of hate, victim of its own wickedness...

"Queen of Peace, pray for us and give to the world now at War the Peace for which all peoples are longing, Peace in truth justice and Charity of Christ. Give Peace to the warring nations and to the souls of men, that in the tranquillity of order the Kingdom of God may prevail... that they may unite with us in proclaiming before the one and only Saviour of the World: 'Glory to God in the highest and Peace to men of good will'." (Nov. 1, 1942).

PIUS XII

B L E S S E D
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*"Those are truly Pacific
who
for the Love of Our Lord Jesus Christ
observe Peace
in spirit
AND IN BODY
in all that they undergo
in this world."*

S. FRANCIS, *Admonitions.*

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CANADA

crusade, motivated by religious idealism, one must close one's eyes to the plain lessons of history, social science, and theology. World War II, like World War I, of which it is but the second stage, is an economic war fought by rival imperialisms for material mastery. It is of no avail to point to the fine phrases that are used to give moral and spiritual sanction to war. As Pius XI said, 'It is from this intemperance of desire, sheltering itself under an appearance of PUBLIC GOOD or LOVE OF COUNTRY, that come the rivalries and enmities that we see between nations' (Ubi Arcano Dei)... With the first flush of military success, the Prime Minister of England announces: 'Let me, however, make this clear, in case there should be any mistake about it in any quarter: we mean to hold our own. I have not become the King's First Minister in order to preside over the liquidation of the British Empire.' He thus made it clear to any who might have doubts as a result of the fine professions in the Atlantic Charter that the ideals written down in that document were but the 'intemperance of desire, sheltering itself under an appearance of PUBLIC GOOD or LOVE OF COUNTRY'."—REV. JOHN J. HUGO.

● "But whatever else is true, it is true that none of these Nations can fight one another today without the MOST ENORMOUS EXPENSE for guns and airplanes and poisons. How can these things be paid for UNLESS bankers and financiers put up the money? And in a world ruled by money it is self-evident that such expenses would not be incurred unless SOMEONE was finding it profitable... We are blind to the fact that, in a world ruled by financiers, the only object of War is financial advantage. And we are blind to the fact that THOSE WHO REAP THE ADVANTAGE NEVER DO THE FIGHTING. We do not see that it is MORE COURAGEOUS TO DIE as a 'Pacifist' than to win as a poisoner... We Christians are more to blame than anyone else in the world—both individually and collectively—for the present state of affairs:... Is it not the special mission of Christians to promote Peace and Charity between men upon which alone Peace can be built? And yet it might be said, that Christians and, in a special way, Christian ministers (of all denominations) have been the foremost recruiting sergeants. They have been the first to be deceived by the plausible propaganda of politicians... men of business and financiers. Who has not heard the sermons of army chaplains? Who does not remember the part played by bishops and parish clergy? And since the War—has it yet become notorious that Christian ministers are in the front rank of those who work for Peace? But it is not only the Christian ministers who appear to promote and praise War... The laity, the Christian laity, and especially the Christian press, the newspapers, are notorious war-mongers. Like the young man in the Gospel, they turn away sorrowful from all talk of Peace—because they have great possessions. They are men of business first and Christians after..."—ERIC GILL, of PAX Society, England.

● "We will not take part in War. When they tell us that it is for our Country, we shall not believe it, because we know that we cannot serve our Country by destroying that of others,... nor for

democracy, because War involves an absolute military dictatorship; nor against communism, because a movement for the spirit cannot be destroyed by force and because the sword has never converted anyone. And above all when they tell us that it is for God, we shall not believe it, because we know that God is Love, and that in War every means is used except Love."—MANIFESTO OF THE CATHOLIC PEACE ACTION, of Holland and Belgium.

No Christian Peace Without Charity and Sacrifice of Self and of Rights

● "The only direct and essential cause of Peace is Charity, because Charity is a virtue enabling us to give to others not only all that is THEIRS, but also something that is OURS... Yet even the most well-intentioned Trader-Statesman or Financier-Statesman will think it his first and greatest duty to his country TO DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF HIS CITIZENS. But if Peace ceases when men seek what is THEIR OWN, modern statesmanship will tend always to be War or the threat of War."—REV. VINCENT McNABB, O.P., IN BLACKFRIARS, ENGLAND.

● "No one can deny that if a man has a natural right to defend himself, his property, his friends and his country, he also has a natural right to decide not to... and of course... no one will be saved on the ground of HIS RIGHTS, nor will the world ever be redeemed on the BASIS OF JUSTICE; for that, CHARITY AND SELF-SACRIFICE are necessary."—REV. DR. W.E. ORCHARD, of PAX Society, England.

● "What is the alternative of which we are SO AFRAID? Do we fear the destruction of our Cities? But are the pomp and squalor of London and Manchester and Glasgow and Cardiff anything to be proud of? Do we fear the killing of our wives and children? But they would not be killed if we did not resist. Are we afraid of National humiliation, are we afraid to be humbled? But it is written: 'Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth'... Are we afraid of poverty? But it is precisely poverty which as Christians we should welcome. There will be no Peace, there can be no Peace, there cannot possibly be any Peace, while wealth, comfort, riches are the ideal we set before ourselves."—ERIC GILL.

● "Even if defencelessness did involve annexational loss of National Sovereignty, this would be a LESSER EVIL than War."—E.I. WATKIN, of PAX Society, England.

The Secret of the Gospel Way to Peace

● "Now the whole secret of this divine philosophy is that what are called the goods of this mortal life have indeed the appearance of good, but not the reality; and, therefore, that it is not in the enjoyment of them that man can be happy. In the divine plan, so far are riches and glory and pleasure from bringing happiness to man, that if he really wishes to be happy, he must rather for God's sake RENOUNCE THEM ALL... In NO OTHER WAY can individuals AND NATIONS ATTAIN TO PEACE." (Ad Beatissimi).—BENEDICT XV.

PEACE WITHOUT VICTORY

St. Francis Prayer for Peace

"Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

"O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

This is the Prayer adopted by the Association of Catholic Conscientious Objectors in the U.S.A.

PRAYER

To Christ the Pacific King of the Universe

Christ Jesus

*I acknowledge You as Universal King.
All that was made was created for You.*

Exercise all Your Rights over me.

*I renew my Baptismal Vows,
by renouncing Satan*

*with all his pomps and all his works,
and I promise to live as a good Christian.*

Particularly I pledge myself

to make by all means

the Rights of God

and of Your Church to triumph.

Divine Heart of Jesus,

I offer You my poor actions

to obtain that all human hearts

may admit your Sacred Kingship,

and thus the Kingdom of Your Peace

be established throughout the whole World.

See PRECES ET PIA OPERA

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