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## **“Saintly souls must be happy”**

I was telling you that even people who had not received baptism had been moved to say, "I can well understand that saintly souls must be happy, for they look at events with a vision that is above the things of this world. They see things with the eyes of eternity." May you not lack that same vision, I added afterwards, so that you can respond to the special love with which the Blessed Trinity has treated you. (The Forge, 1017)

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I assure you that if we want to, as children of God, we can make a powerful contribution towards lighting up the work and the lives of men with the divine and eternal splendour which it has pleased the Lord to place in our souls. But "he who says he abides in Jesus ought to walk the same way He walked" as Saint John teaches. It is a path which always leads to glory. But it also always passes through sacrifice. (The Forge, 1018)

"We do not want this man to reign over us"? There are millions of people in the world who reject Jesus Christ in this way; or rather they reject his shadow, for they do not know Christ. (Christ is Passing By, 179)

My Lord Jesus, grant that I may feel  
your grace and second it in such a  
way that I empty my heart, so that  
you, my Friend, my Brother, my  
King, my God, my Love... may fill it!  
(The Forge, 913)

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