

## **“The harvest is great and the laborers few”**

The harvest is great and the laborers few. Rogate ergo! Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Prayer is the most effective means of winning new apostles. (The Way, 800)

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Through the world still echoes that divine cry: 'I have come to bring fire

to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already!' And you see: it has nearly all died out... Will you not help to spread the blaze? (The Way, 801)

There is a brilliant man whom you long to attract to your apostolate; there is another, a man of great influence; and a third, full of prudence and virtues... Pray, offer up sacrifices, and work on them with your word and example.--They don't want to come!--Don't lose your peace; it's because they are not needed. Do you think there were no brilliant and influential and prudent and virtuous contemporaries of Peter outside the apostolate of the first twelve? (The Way, 802)

That cry of the Son of God, lamenting that the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few, is always relevant. How it tears at our heartstrings. That cry came from Christ's mouth for you

to hear too. How have you responded to it up to now? Do you pray at least daily for that intention of his? (The Forge, 906)

To follow Our Lord you need to give yourself once and for all, stoutheartedly and without holding anything back. You need to burn your boats once and for all, so that there is no chance of going back.  
(The Forge, 907)

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