

“One heart and one soul”

As a child of God, with his grace in you, you have to be a strong person, a man or woman of desires and achievements. We are not hothouse plants. We live in the middle of the world, and we have to be able to face up to all the winds that blow, to the heat and the cold, to rain and storms, but always faithful to God and to his Church. (The Forge, 792)

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The work of the Church, each day, is like the weaving of a great fabric which *we* offer to God: because all of us who are baptized make up the Church. If we carry out our tasks, faithfully and selflessly, this great fabric will be beautiful and flawless. But if we loosen a thread here, a thread there, another over there | ... instead of a beautiful fabric we will have a tattered rag. (The Forge, 640)

Pray to God that in the Holy Church, our Mother, the hearts of all may be one heart, as they were in the earliest times of Christianity; so that the words of Scripture may be truly fulfilled until the end of the ages: *Multitudinis autem credentium erat cor unum et anima una* -- the company of the faithful were of one heart and one soul. I am saying this to you in all seriousness: may this holy unity not come to any harm through you. Take it to your prayer. (The Forge, 632)

Offer your prayer, your atonement, and your action for this end: *ut sint unum!* -- that all of us Christians may share one will, one heart, one spirit. This is so that *omnes cum Petro ad Iesum per Mariam* -- that we may all go to Jesus, closely united to the Pope, through Mary. (The Forge, 647)

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