
Joyce Kilmer's "Prayer of a Soldier in France."

My shoulders ache beneath my pack
(Lie easier, Cross, upon His back).

I march with feet that burn and smart
(Tread, Holy Feet, upon my heart).

Men shout at me who may not speak
(They scourged Thy back and smote Thy cheek).

I may not lift a hand to clear
My eyes of salty drops that sear.

(Then shall my fickle soul forget
Thy Agony of Bloody Sweat?)

My rifle hand is stiff and numb
(From Thy pierced palm red rivers come).

Lord, Thou didst suffer more for me
Than all the hosts of land or sea.

So let me render back again
This millionth of Thy gift. Amen.

Carry This Spirit Into Your Adoration.

Kilmer, a convert, knew the meaning of the Commandment of Love better than most men of this day and age. Into the few short years he spent in the Catholic Church before his untimely death in the War, he crowded a long Catholic life. Few converts have had the Catholic instinct so strongly as he. Carry his spirit of reparation, of suffering with Christ, into the adoration of the next nine days: make each hour or half-hour in union with the Agony in the Garden, which is the sacred mystery the Church commemorates in the practice of the Holy Hour.

And don't confine that spirit to your adoration periods. Let self-denial become a part of your life. Offer your study, your disappointments, your trials and temptations, your hardships, your little sicknesses and headaches, offer all the hard things you have to do or you make yourself do, offer all these things as Kilmer offered them -- in union with the sufferings of Christ on the Way of the Cross. And be big-hearted about it: don't be too easily satisfied with your "millionth" of God's gifts to you.

There Are Cards At The Rack.

At the pamphlet rack in Dillon Hall you will find cards distributing the adorers through the adoration periods of the Novena. At the present writing there are six gaps; these should be filled first. (No cards were distributed in Lyons, Morrissey and Walsh Halls; no promoters volunteered for the work, and other halls absorbed the cards made out for these groups.)

Keep ~~Keep~~ Door Locked.

A boarding school offers an attractive field for thieves, and the period before the holidays has special temptations for them. Don't encourage ragamuffins to wander through the halls selling things. They may be honest in intention, but do your part to keep temptation out of their way.