

See Friday's Bulletin for details on the huge, public Marian Year Novena ...

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to be held at the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, at the Entrance to St. Mary's College.

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A Plan For Peace

Recently, the daily papers gave you awesome details of the terrifying destructive capacity of the H-Bomb now being manufactured. We are told that whole areas, measuring many miles, would be annihilated in an instant. Man can, by the use of this newest weapon, obliterate himself from the face of the earth.

Wherever you go, you will find thinking people who shudder at the realization of this fact -- because it is a fact. And there's good reason for shuddering, since the Civilian Defense Administration admits there is no adequate defense for the effects of the bomb!

Indeed, we have arrived at the hour when we must admit that only through God, can man be saved from the folly of his intellectual pride. To use atomic energy in peace-time only would be wonderful. To use it in war would be curtains for humanity. Curtains? Yes, curtains!

And Now This:

Only last week, one topflight, American military authority -- a man who knows whereof he speaks -- came up with the startling conviction that we cannot expect anything but war; that Russia is committed to the idea she must conquer the world; that she will attack when she feels she is ready and hopeful of success.

What To Do ?

Always in these dire moments, the Church comes up with a remedy. In this very Marian Year -- a year when bombs could mark the twilight of existence -- some good people have come forth with a clear and unmistakable truth: it is only by prayer that man will be saved from the folly of his own intellectual pride.

You are asked to recite a simple prayer: "God Grant Us Peace!" You are asked to recite it at noon every day. You are asked to get others to recite that same, simple prayer. Why at noon? Because mariners customarily determine their position by "shooting the sun" at high noon. Our position on the whole matter here is: "God alone can give us peace." Let us determine that position daily. Peace is not something outside of man; but something within him, granted by the grace of God. Our Lady at Fatima said that man would be saved if he returned to God -- and the road to God is prayer.

The idea did not originate with the Bulletin. Rather, it was suggested by a housewife, and tried in the East. It met with universal approval, and now is handed on to you. Don't be surprised if Bishop Sheen takes it up in a coming telecast. It's startling in its simplicity -- as well as in its effectiveness. It is free of all dispute, and is acceptable to everyone who believes in God. It can make the Geneva conference and the UN assembly look like so many babbling and deceitful idiots -- all the more so since they will not admit God, nor even His Name, into their deliberations!

Say it daily at noon: "God Grant Us Peace!" Time it with the Angelus. You can't miss.

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