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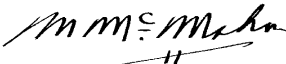
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Dear Friend of La Salette,

DEATH, JUDGMENT, HEAVEN, HELL! The month of November provides the perfect opportunity to seriously meditate upon the Four Last things. With nature's summer beauty in its death throes; with the winds and rain, the dark and the cold coming ever more strongly; with the Church's Holy Liturgy speaking of saints and souls, of glory and suffering, we have frequently before our eyes the matter for profound thought and contemplation.

We must pray to the saints, we must pray for the souls *and*, not least of all, we must look to our own sanctification and salvation!

Are we ready for our own death? That moment which arrives for all mortal flesh, creeping closer and closer with each tick of the clock! Are we ready for that day of reckoning where we will render an account for absolutely every willful thought, word and deed before the just Judge who can neither deceive nor be deceived? Do we often consider the excruciating and everlasting misery of the condemned souls, permanently separated from God – or better, the eternity of joy and beatitude in Heaven, the glory of which *the mind of man cannot conceive*? Let us, dear friends, make profitable use of this time of grace, not squandering the opportunity to reflect upon our condition, and better it in the eyes of God. Let us commend ourselves, our intentions, miserable sinners, the Poor Souls to the celestial court and especially to its King and Queen.

In Christ the King,

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