

France's National Day of Prayer



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AN INVOCATION OF OR PRAYER TO ANYONE LESS THAN GOD ALMIGHTY IS A HERESY AND A BLASPHEMY which, ns St. Peter has told us, above shall bring “swift destruction,” and after the events of the night of our Lord’s arrest and trial no one should know better the truth of that than St. Peter himself. Did we not see this exemplified quite recently in the National Life of France, that poor Country now lying under the heel of the NAZI Devil-ridden regime? On France's last day of National Prayer she called upon her relics and idols to deliver her from the oncoming Hordes of Germans soldiery. We quote the actual report, taken from the Dublin Standard, of the prayers used in Paris on that day:—

Led by the Cardinal and her Prime Ministers, France invoked in a mighty act of Faith all the great leaders of that Christian past which has made her. High on the shoulders of boy scouts the priceless reliquaries of the Crown of Thorns and of St. Louis (King Louis 9th died 1270) the King were carried over the heads of the faithful, whilst from the pulpit a mitred Prelate implored, his arms outstretched to heaven, all the Saints of France, in a paroxysm of beseeching faith:—‘Come thou our Lady and thou St. Michael, thou St. Genevieve who protected Paris; thou Louis, model of all Monarchs, thou Joan of Arc, Liberator of our territory, thou simple *Cure d’Ars*, and little Theresa, who have sprung from our homesteads, come to our help, all of you, Saints of France.’

In their lifetime great and good men and women doubtless, but now, if the Spiritualists and Roman Catholics are to be believed, HOLY SPIRITS, men and women sprung from the soil of France and placed upon a pinnacle denied to God, for we notice that His Name was not mentioned in this “mighty act of faith.” These men and women were invoked by the French Nation in an act of National Faith, and as a sequence France was visited with “swift destruction.” The National Day of Prayer held in this country at the same time as that in France was followed by the Miracle of

Dunkirk, whereby our Army was saved, although our prayers were of no avail for our, then, ally, which, however, is not to be wondered at. Let us never forget that although a day of National Prayer such as France indulged herself in was more spectacular than the private devotions of an individual, the principal involved is just the same. God has given us one Mediator—the Lord Jesus Christ and none other, and to turn from Him and enquire of the spirits is to do as France did and to reap a similar, if less spectacular, reward.

We wonder whether many or those that attend Spiritualistic meetings readily appreciate where their practice is leading them? Probably very few, and it is for these that this booklet is written. We would not for one moment consider writing it if its purpose was merely to hurt the feelings or hopes of another, mistaken though that other might be, but it is written in the belief that many people have not understood the inner implications of that which they are lending themselves to, and that when these things are brought home to them they will cease a practice which will cause them very great misery in the life after death. Unfortunately many of us are so easily led by specious adventurers, we won't think for ourselves, we wrap ourselves up in comfortable emotions, soft music, the singing of hymns, clouds of incense, and if the message that is given also appeals to our emotions then we absorb that too without another thought.

Let us here give a word picture of what occurs at an ordinary Spiritualistic Meeting where Clairvoyance is the advertised attraction. Those who have been to such will recognise the description, but for those who have not we assure them that it is a fair and unexaggerated resume of what takes place.



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