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In Memory

of

Father Edward McGlynn



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**To Fr. Edward McGlynn**

**Living Not Dead**

**FROM YOUR SPIRITUAL CHILDREN IN CHRIST**

DEAR FATHER :—You taught us by word and act to follow and glorify “Christ and Him crucified.” In your sacred memory, beloved Father McGlynn, this is a picture of your life. “The Christian reformer is one who shakes his ideal in the face of the world unabashed by the demand that he shall prove his sincerity by his practice. You, with the frankness and fidelity of the perfect love that casteth out fear, have testified early and late that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand, with its righteous judgment, with the freedom of equality and the justice of love. And when living the life of love entangled by facts of fears and safety, you have been able so to utter the law of love that your words will bring the practical man to organize the world by that law, and make man do the greater work which Jesus Christ wishes him to do. No such responsibility was ever laid upon man as that which is laid upon the Christian reformer

by the crisis of social change ; no such ethical strain ever came to the human conscience.

“ The daily moral and spiritual crucifixion is the sacrifice which he has to lay upon the altar of human need, if he fulfills his services to the end. It would be infinitely easier to give up property if property he has, or practice something definite in company with kindred spirits, or even to give his body to be burned, than it is to nerve his whole being, summon all his energies to the never-ending task, to the matchless spiritual heroism pouring out his soul unto death for a public cause, for a common righteousness, for a future good, for social destiny in which he can have neither fruit nor part in the flesh. It is not material sacrifices nor physical martyrdom that is required; if it were only that how easy and joyful would be the sacrifice! Who cares for poverty, for the stake, the fire, the dungeon, the gallows or the rack, if that were all? If in such fashion the sin of civilization might be borne thousands would respond without a second thought, and with hosannas on their lips. But it is this standing for an order of life

which men together must accept or together be lost, and which he alone cannot practice save by deserting his brothers that constitutes moral tragedy in the soul of the Christian reformer as he faces the social problem."

God rest your soul, Edward McGlynn;  
your spirit and your teachings live with  
God's people and have God's blessing.

