

Thy Will Be Done

Dear Fellow Christian Friends:

The Christian world should be aware by now that the present world-wide chaos is but a fulfillment of things long foreseen by our Prophets—and that war gives as well as takes. For what intelligent nation, like the Philippines, can deny the fact that it has made her more oriental, more Asiatic, more Philippine. That it has divested her from Occidental clutches, and brought into existence the original Filipino—the genuine Juan de la Cruz in thoughts, words and deeds. That it has helped her develop her latent powers and bring to the fore her dormant capacities. Ample proofs of all these changes may be seen in all branches of social, cultural and industrial life. However, all was not and is not, smooth sailing. But is it not only fair that you share in the struggles to justify your claim to the trophy? After all, this is also your war. Ambassador Vargas says: "We are in this war to win freedom and equality for all, without regard to color, race or political belief. We are in this war to secure the unhampered development of our native cultures and traditions in the shelter of unimpaired sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Brethrens, we are not asking you to become pro-Japanese. Neither are we trying to impose our opinions upon you. All we ask is that you stop to think for a moment whether the present happenings represent the Will of God or not. Whether Japan's move is the substance of her own ideas or that of the Hand of God. Whether you would have acted differently had you been in her place and impelled by the same unseen hand that guides the destinies of nations. Consider these things, Brethrens, and then judge us. Have not events happened before wherein we had declared "God is writing His Will in History?" If that was our attitude before, why not now?

Long ago, the son of God died for our Redemption. Countless Christians suffered martyrdom for the propagation of the Christian faith. So, the present war is, to use the words of Ambassador Vargas, "to vindicate our natural and human right to live our own way of life in East Asia without interference, dictation or exploitation from outside of East Asia."

For what are America and England fighting? For what are we fighting? The Greater East Asia Five-Point Declaration answers these questions for us. It is the "crux of faith" of the Asians. The text of the Declarations is found in full on the reverse side.

RELIGIOUS SECTION

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION
IMPERIAL JAPANESE ARMY

The Joint Declaration

It is a basic principle for the establishment of world peace that the nations of the world have each its proper place and enjoy prosperity in common through mutual aid and assistance.

The United States of America and the British Empire have, in seeking their own prosperity, oppressed other nations and peoples. Especially in East Asia, they indulged in insatiable aggression and exploitation, sought to satisfy their incredible ambition of enslaving the entire region and finally came to menace seriously the stability of East Asia. Herein lies the cause of the present war.

The countries of Greater East Asia, with a view to contributing to the cause of world peace, undertake to cooperate toward prosecuting the War of Greater East Asia to a successful conclusion, liberating their region from the yoke of British-American domination, ensuring their self-existence and self-defense and constructing a Greater East Asia in accordance with the following principles:

1. The countries of Greater East Asia, through mutual cooperation, will ensure the stability of their region and construct an order of common prosperity and well-being based upon justice.
2. The countries of Greater East Asia will ensure the fraternity of the nations in their region by respecting one another's sovereignty and independence and practising mutual assistance and amity.
3. The countries of Greater East Asia, by respecting one another's traditions and developing the faculties of each race, will enhance the culture and civilization of Greater East Asia.
4. The countries of Greater East Asia will endeavor to accelerate their economic development through close cooperation upon a basis of reciprocity and promote thereby the general prosperity of their region.
5. The countries of Greater East Asia will cultivate friendly relations with all the countries of the world and work for the abolition of racial discrimination, the promotion of cultural intercourse and the opening of the resources throughout the world and contribute thereby to the progress of mankind.

The above declaration was adopted unanimously by the representatives of Nippon, China, Thailand, Manchoukuo, Burma and the Philippines on November 8, 1943, at Tokyo.



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be they of his own
household.

St. Matthew 10, 36

Your foes are they of your own country—
American Big Business which is driving
you to the gigantic slaughter-house the
world has ever known.



*Christmas Eve
All's Well*

LET US REMEMBER ONE THING
...IT ISN'T OUR WAR





Peace on Earth



Goodwill to Men

**Ye cannot serve
God and mammon.**

St. Matthew 6, 24

President Roosevelt cannot
serve the people and the
Big Business.



GREETINGS

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men.

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men.

And in despair I bowed my head!
'There is no peace on earth,' I said,
'For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men':

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, goodwill to men.'

Henry W. Longfellow

"America provoked Japan to such an extent that Japan was compelled to attack the Americans at Pearl Harbor,"

said Oliver Lyttleton, British Minister of Production, at a luncheon arranged by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce in London on June 20, 1944.



Best Wishes

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