It was said in 1903: "The tide has ebbed, and the bark of Peter, abandoned by the sea, has been left high and dry on the sand."

Poor prophecy! In this year of 1936 the Pope is more powerful than ever. Leaders of nations are turning to him and to his encyclicals in their efforts at social justice. The Church he heads is the recognized vital force standing against Communism and Socialism, against Paganism, against the very disintegration of Western society.

His loyal followers throughout the world are 335,000,000 strong. No monarch, no dictator, no president enjoys his far-reaching spiritual and moral authority.

Today, as in the days of Saint Peter, the Pope is, by the power and election of Jesus Christ, the Holy Father of Christendom; the Sovereign Pontiff of the world; the vicar of Jesus Christ on earth, the white-robed Apostle feeding the sheep, against whose teachings the gates of hell have never and shall never prevail.

Pray tomorrow for our Holy Father, Pope Pius XI, gloriously reigning in the Chair of Saint Peter at Rome.

Three Ways of Willing.

There are three ways of willing: (1) willing at no cost; (2) willing at all costs; and (3) willing because it costs.

Willing at no cost simply means to do what you want to do. No courage is involved; no strength is developed. Most people will that way—at no cost—and hence most people have little character. That is why many young people in a good environment are good; in a bad environment, very bad. They have no backbone.

Willing at all costs means that difficulties do not deter one from willing what is reasonable and necessary. I want this virtue which I realize is necessary for my salvation. Its development entails much self-sacrifice. But I will go after it, in spite of the costs, and keep after it until I acquire it.

Willing because of the costs—there's the spirit that makes strong men. It is founded upon the conviction that easy willing makes soft characters; that, on the contrary, when obstacle and difficulty are turned to stimulus and encouragement a man can't be stopped. I will not act out of rash and foolish bravado, but I will drive towards what is high and noble in the belief: if I am to go only after what is easy I will have only what is cheap as my reward.

Need of Morning Offering.

According to a modern French encyclopedia, a man who lives 70 years, devotes: 24 years to sleep; 11 to work; 8 to amusements; 6 to meals; 6 to reading; 6 to walks; 3 to education; 3 to his toilet; 3 to conversation; one (in France) to military service.

How many years to God in prayer and religious worship? According to this French idea, none at all. There are 1440 minutes in a day. Even the good man devotes shamefully few of those to his Creator and Redeemer. You should give at least 30 of those minutes to daily Mass and Holy Communion. You should develop the habit of making many aspirations. You should, above all, live in the state of grace always and form the habit of making a morning offering to consecrate all the activities of your day.

PRAYERS: (document) brother of Monsignor Brady, New York; father of Mr. William Quinan; Ill, father, sister, and cousin of student; friend of Walt Smythe (Off-campus); aunt of Jim English (Lyons); aunt of Frank Haines (Corby) seriously ill; Peter Korn, operated on today for appendectomy. One special intention.