The first First Friday of 1951 on deck. Nine in a row assure us of wonderful graces at the moment of death, provided we fulfill the conditions necessary to unleash the torrent of graces promised when we need graces most.

One of these conditions is atonement to the Sacred Heart for the injuries done to Our Lord in the wilful neglect, the blasphemies, the sacrileges that insult Him Who lives with us in the Blessed Sacrament.

If you have no sins of the Old Year to atone for, offer your Holy Communion tomorrow—and make your adoration in the Basement Chapel, Main Church—for the sins of others. And there are sins to be atoned for. Don’t forget that.

If the year 1950 was not good enough to suit you, be sure 1951 is going to be. It is important to stress now—BEGIN RIGHT. If you have problems to solve, worries about the future that harass you, remember that solutions will not be found in taverns but before the tabernacle, not on dance floors but on your knees, not in the natural order but in the supernatural where God reigns supreme. So why not try God?

The DO-NOTHING Clients of Defeatism.

Mary predicted that if these conditions had been fulfilled World War II would have been averted. "If what I say is done, there will be peace. If not, Russia will spread her errors throughout the world, giving rise to wars and persecutions against the Church. The good will suffer martyrdom, and the Holy Father will have to suffer much. Different nations will be destroyed, but in the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph."

As we step across the threshold into the new year, nation upon nation is in turmoil and confusion. And yet there are in our midst, on this campus dedicated to the Mother of God, those who "do nothing" to foster the peace plan from heaven—PRAYER AND Penance.

If God will spare the world even in this late hour, we need more than the ten men who could have saved Sodom and Gomorrah, we need more than the 500 strong with whom Gideon conquered the Medianites, we need more than 10 million men armed with tanks, flame-throwers and jet fighters.

We need legions of men armed by prayer and penance who have faith in God... hope in God... and a love of God above all things. If God will spare the world now it will be because of the prayers and penance of the just, whose Masses and Communions and rosaries and adorations and articulate, intelligent leadership will "restore all things in Christ."

Ask your pal who has a defeatist bellyache what he is doing by way of prayer and penance. Caught in what is without doubt the most serious and the most universal social crisis in all history—ask your glum defeatist whether he is studying the Church’s social doctrine. The next time you meet a DO-NOTHING client of defeatism who starts bawling on your shoulder—ask him what else is wrong with him.

Prayers: (deceased) brother of Prof. George Wach; father of John, '33, and uncle of Robert, '54; Cahill; uncle of Dave Sipes. III, the three brothers of Ed Noonan (Bow); mother of Father F. Duffey, C.S.C.; brother of Jack, '52, and Frank, '54; Meaney. Sp.Int.