

leading people to say, There is no joy in his religion. May we pray:

Our Father, we think back to the days at the end of the Roman Empire. We think of those days when barbarian forces tramped over Europe, pillaging and destroying it. We think of those days when literacy from being perhaps 80% dropped to maybe 1% within a generation. We think of what the world went through then. But O our God, O if our Lord tarries,^{and}/something † like that comes today, help us we pray to make our lives count for Christ. And† to know that even though humanity should suffer as the Egyptian Gypsy moth did, even though terrible ills and misery should come, that our God is still on the throne, and the most important thing is not to stand for the continuation of that which has given these tremendous material things we enjoy, but to stand for Christ no matter what may come, and to present His Word to a world that every member of it whether rich or b poor, effective or ineffective, so needs the Gospel of our SAVIour. We ask in Jesus' Name, Amen.