

A POEM FOR THIS MONTH



**LAND OF PEACE**

By SISTER GABRIEL

WHERE crystal lakes with waters  
sparkling pure,  
And orchids wild men's restive  
steps allure;  
Where azure seas, green hills,  
and fertile plains are seen,  
And distant mountain tops that  
rise between,  
A sacred trust in nature's heart  
is signed.

Our banner flings her message  
to the skies,  
To our beloved land in accents  
clear replies,  
"While other lands their cities  
guard in hate,  
A Tower of Peace to God we'll  
dedicate,  
A pledge of trust and faith in all  
mankind."

O Prince of Peace, in benediction  
bend,  
Bestow Thy charity; Thy guid-  
ance lend.  
Proclaim this land of peace the  
better way  
To universal brotherhood, we  
pray.  
Assure a war-torn world that  
strife can cease;  
God, grant that from these realms  
they learn goodwill and peace.