

*my fellow country men*

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"The democratic liberal, agnostic, and pusillanimous state, is no more. In its place rises the fascist state. For the first time in the history of the world a constructive revolution such as ours is peacefully realizing, in the field of production and of labor, the marshalling together of all the economic and intellectual forces of the nation with a view to directing them toward a common goal. For the first time a powerful system is created of fifteen great associations -- all placed on an equal footing and all recognized and guaranteed by the sovereign state with respect to their legitimate and reconcilable interests.

"Only today, in the fascist state, are the workers of the various activities and categories beginning to take part in, and to be conscious of, their destinies.

"The ordeal is decisive. Firm is our faith. We are certain that the system will resist the bitter tests of experience.

"Animated by your spirit, upheld by your discipline, and closely surrounded by the symbols of the lictor, the nation will constitute an inseparable block of political, economic, and moral energies.

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"Black shirts! Lift high your banners! Celebrate today's date with an act of good-will and fidelity. It is one of the most brilliant landmarks of our revolution.

"Help us!"

(The above quotation is from an address made by Mussolini)