

Eternal God, who out of mystery has created, spirits also, with minds to see truth, hearts to love beauty, and wills to choose righteousness, we worship thee. As fire ascending seeks the sun, so seek we our parent source. As rivers flowing to the sea are but the sea itself that has fallen upon the plain, so we have come from thee and go unto thee. O God in whom we live and move and have our being, our source and our goal, we worship thee.

We who thru another week have brought the fulfillment of our ambitions in the world, now bring them to thee within thy sanctuary. We would see and test them by the light of thy countenance. Here we would have them arraigned and tried, sifted and purified.

We bring our doubts to thee. Let thy clearing dissipation them. Make them like transient clouds that have drifted across our skies.

We bring to thee our anxieties. We lay them before thee pleading that if possible our burdens be taken from us, but, if not, answer thou our prayer that we have strength enough to bear them.

We bring to thee our sins. Some of them we hate and some of them we love all too well. Lift us out of the low-lying levels of our ordinary days and grant us a perspective about our sinning. Give us insight to see the harm done to those we love help us to see, that tho sin be private, it holds back the forward march of thy kingdom of righteousness upon the earth. Make lovable in our eyes the things that are lovely and hateful the things that we should hate.

As thus we plead for ourselves, we remember also all sorts and condition of men. Breathe into our hearts, thou spirit of the living God, generosity and good will. We gather up in sincere intercession all nations creeds and races. Breakdown our prejudices. Let pettiness die as thy love rises in our souls. May we care afresh what happens to mankind. So make us like thy son this week to be considerate kind tolerant generous.

Now still us from the too great noise and busyness of men. Let the sediment of our roiled spirits settle. Purify the stream of our life, run it thru thy sunlight, and grant that from this place we may go forth with thyself more real, life more alluring, thy spirit more present and powerful.

Eternal Creator, thou God of all, who hast set a restlessness in our hearts, we worship thee. Our souls yearn for communion with thy spirit, May we remain restless until we find our rest in thee. We seek thee now in these holy moments. Reveal thyself to us, cause us to see a vision of thee that will grasp us, and so hold us that we cannot but serve thee.

We feel frustrated and restless because we are ill at ease with thee. We are afraid that thou wilt see our shortcomings, our sins. And indeed, we have nothing to fear, because thou wilt see them. we cannot hide them. Forgive our foolishness for thinking that we can. We need to regularly subject ourselves to thy inspection. It helps to keep us on our toes. We stand in need of renewal, so we place our repentant hearts at the foot of thy throne today, confessing our transgressions. We do not know all of them, but thou dost. So we trust in thy love for forgiveness. But do not take the restlessness from us until we are wholly thine.

Our Father, when we consider thy goodness it causes us to be humble. Thou hast given us so much. Our feeble efforts to serve thee and others as a token of our appreciation fall short. We fail to give our best to thee, and be compassionate for our neighbor. Yet how grateful we are to thee. Thou hast given to us all the necessities and far more. We pray for an appreciative spirit - not only toward thee but to our brothers.

How great is our task as disciples of thine. We have in our laps such great problems as world peace and brotherhood and wuch small ones as a bad temper or a temptation. Would thou enable us and thy church not to fail the responsibilities which are ours. Reclothe us once again with the mind of our Master. We need thee, we need thy encouragement, we need direction. We know that we can depend on thee, we pray that thou wilt be able to depend on us.

Thou seest us all - our needs, our anxieties, our weakness, our strengths. Wilt thou touch us all bringing healing, health, fellowship, and direction And above all committment to thee in all things