

Eternal God, Lord of all being, enthroned afar, whose majesty exceeds that which we can know, whose glory abounds in and beyond the beauty around us, and whose holiness magnifies our frailties, we bring now in this community of prayer our supplications. Receive thou the highest and purest of our desires that they may receive thy blessings.

We beseech thee for all of mankind - in whatever estate they may be. For the prosperous we ask for the will to acknowledge thee as the source of prosperity. For the joyful, grant that their joy may be a means of praise and witness to thee. For the weak we beseech thee for thy strength; for the poor may the necessities of the body be provided that they may be rich in spirit. For the tempted grant the power to resist and be at-ong. For the hungry lay upon our hearts the compulsion of compassion that empty stomachs may, when filled, be cause for praising thee. For the sorrowful and the bereaved may thy calm assurance surround and sur-ort them. For those who are in position of authority, may their ways be honed on the stone of thy eternal purposes. And for us all, sin tainted ad we are, may the refreshing quality of thy mervy and grace and forgiveness be ours. All these intercession we lay near thy heart, for they proceed from our penitent and concerned hearts.

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Let us in all of our doings look to thee, that we may ~~feel~~ feel the divine underneath ~~to~~ all of our experiences. Assure us that thru all being, all reality there is a cord of the eternal binding together and giving meaning to life. Granted this faith, compell us to go into the highways and by-ays proclaiming with our lives the greatest and most significant truth of all: the truth that Christ is alive and has removed from us our sins, the truth that Thou dost truly dwell with us in all things. This our father we confess as our saving faith. So may we go thru each day confident that thou art with us.

Eternal God, by whose word we have our lives, by whose providence we receive our daily bread, by whose grace we know the forgiveness of our sins and by whose purposes we have eternal life, it is high privilege, the noblest experience of our lives, to bow before thee in worship.

Accept the gratitude of our hearts as we recall thy gracious ways with us. We thank thee for the good we know, and all that is not known to us. We praise thee for the mysterious way that things can work together for good to those who love thee. We praise thee for enhancing our lives with joy and pleasure, for ennobling them thru pain and sorrow. We thank thee for the times that the narrow circumstances brought the larger vision, the humbling experience which brought us to a higher level; and for the bonds of duty that gave us a larger freedom.

In full surrender help us to receive thy grace. May our sunship receive thy fatherhood. In thy will and purpose may we live and move and find meaning to life. Grant us true love of thee in our hearts, that the mind of Christ may have utter allegiance in all we do and think.

May we find the grace and accept it which renews the penitent heart. Our lives are marred by sin and the separation from thee which brings alienation. Restore us to thee that we may have fellowship and forgiveness. Let us confess, for wait for grace, for it thy free and undeserved grace of love that redeems us.

As we walk thru the week ahead we pray for thy companionship. We have, discovered, heavenly father, that life cannot be abundant without thee. Be thou present, the n to share our victories, rejoice in our joy, to add strength when ours falters, and to sustain us when all around seems lost.

our father who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven
give us this day
our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
for thine is the kingdom
and the power, and
the glory forever. Amen

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Eternal God, the source and giver of all goodness, we
thank ^{you} ~~thee~~ that ^{you have} ~~thou hast~~ given us life in this thrilling
time of history. ^{you} ~~They~~ children are conquering space, out-
flying the speed of sound and by the power of ^{the} ~~the~~ spirit
we have harnessed power beyond the imagination of our fore-
bears. We thank ^{you} ~~thee~~ for the mind of man, and ^{ask you} ~~beseech thy~~
to make his spiritual capabilities larger. Thanks be to
^{you} ~~thee~~ that, despite our resistance to change and our slow-
ness to recognize that every child of ^{you} ~~time~~ is entitled to
every right and freedom, barriers are breaking down and
more and more of ^{your} ~~the~~ children are moving to full citizen-
ship. Thanks be to ^{you} ~~thee~~ for ^{the} ~~thy~~ church which in our time
is rediscovering her Mission ^{for you} ~~for thee~~, and for all who help
thy church in every place to be truly a people of God and
the body of Christ. Above all we thank ^{you} ~~thee~~ for ^{your} ~~thy~~self,
for ^{your} ~~thy~~ love, for ^{your} ~~thy~~ guiding hand, and for ^{your} ~~thy~~ watchful
care.

O God by whose gift comes the sunshine and the glory of
this day, make a new beginning in any of ^{you} ~~the~~ children who
make life difficult for themselves: those who are always
anxious; who are afraid of their tasks; of their tempta-
tions; of their future; those who are afraid to live and
to die. Give them courage which comes from knowing that
there is nothing they need face alone. Help those who are
self-distrustful to find the confidence which comes from
trusting ^{you} ~~thee~~. Transform those who worry about the un-
known future. Teach them to take one day at a time and to
leave the rest to ^{you} ~~thee~~.

Help those who are too quick to take offence to stop
making their feelings the most important thing, and to
think of others. Gentle those who are ungracious and un-
loving. Teach us all how ugly it is to embitter the sweet-
ness of life for others. Draw close to any person in need
of healing, of body or mind. Use greatly the ministries
of physicians, counselors, of our prayers and loves to
bring health where there is sickness, strength where there
is weakness, joy where there is sadness.