Lord God of the Universe, and creatorof the human soul and

without whom all is meaningless, we acknowedge your Lordship as we are united in this time of corporate worship. And we who have erred in our attempts to master life return once again to the source of life. We who have been led astray by reliance upon our own wills come back to the security and direction of your will and purpose.

We are somewhat reluctant to praise and thank you. . for so often we have used only words. But for the life that stirs within us; for the world with its beauty and ugliness, for the work which you have given us to do, for friends and loved ones; for the company of good books and music; and for life's pleasures; and for the Christ we thank you

Give to us tender hearts and compassionate spirits to all those who have less joy, less food, less confidence, and less purpose than we do. We pray for those in whom the pulse of life grows weak; for those who must be abed thru all the sunlit hours, for the over worked who have no joy of liesure, for the bereaved shose hearts and homes are desolate. We rpay for those who offer themselves as sacrifices that other mights have dignity and hope; for those who must, because of position or influence, make decisions which affect the course of mankind movement, we pray for those who energies have been all but expended and have only frustration and disappointment to show for it, for those who labor constantly for good but whose efforts are unacknowledged, unsuccessful, and scorned, and for those whose very existence is important only to you but to no one else.

Make us Christians who are in mission, alert to the demands of the Christ, ready, under his leading, to be reconcilers and healers, ready to risk for your sake and for the sake of others. Take from us the mantel of hypocrisy which in the eyes of the world, makes us unworthy disciples. May we become so committed to Christ that we give our best to those to whom he gave his best . . the dell not the *fXX* well, the sinner not the saint, the outcast not the acceptable, the dirty not the clean. Help us to recognize that ours is a hard task, one which offers no present honor, save to be more pleasing to you.

So let us open the windows of our lives that they may be filled by the radiance of your presence. Let there be nothing within us that darkens the days which you have given us. And let us with sure confidence venture forth to be your witnesses . . witnesses to the saving truth and action of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Almighty God, who was before time began and who will be when time is no more, you are the Lord of this hour for we have given it to you and have been looking for your forgiveness and your ouidance. Help us to make you Lord of all the hours of our lives. Will you hear our words of thanksoiving, and sense the oratitude which we have in our nearts to you? Since we are not known for our humility, it is sometimes a little hard to acknowladge our debts to you. Still, the, our very lives depend on the constancy of your love as shown in nature, in the use of energy, the intricacies of law and power. Not only that, but the consciousness and awareness which gives life its meaning is a cift from from . . broathed into us by divine creative power. We might as well admit it . . without you we could not exist let alone function. But, of course, we shall not admit it for that is contrary to our nature . . or at least what we think our nature to be. In spite of our errogance, accept what preise and thanksgiving we can offer. And if it be possibl accept our desper commitments as we endeavor to find ways of repaying you for your blessings.

Lord God, during these days of strife and indecision abroad in our world . . we need some steadying influence. Send us the spirit of our Lord that even adid instability we may be confiden of the present and sure of the future. Our concerns are many . we want a world of brotherhood and peace. We pray for it and ask that you lead us into commitment and action that we have s small part in preparing for it. We want a world in which the bunory are flad, the oppressed are released, and the downtrodden lifted up. As your disciples we ought to have a part i that. . but we are afreid. Take wway our fear. We want a world in which the ill are made well, the undecided areguided, thme sorrow and comforted, the sinful are forgiven. As your witnesses we have the message of good news that heals and reconciles. Hely us to use it . . to spread it, to tell it, but most of all to live it. And we want you to pay attention to our personal concerns - for ourselves and for others -. Answer the pravers and yearnings which we each present to you today.

Now that we confess to be your people in this hour, let us be your people at all times. We really don't know how to best exercise our disicipleship come (9:30 or 12) today. But will you do two things for us? Give us the desire to be the church in our daily lives, and guide us as we seek to do so. Receive now the commitments we make in this hour . . so that the days shead will be enriched for ourselves, for others and for you . . Thru Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Eternal God, now we pray to you, for we who are created cannot appraoch you who created as an equal, but only in the spirit of supplication. O we do not approach these as beggars groveling before you, for you have given us dignity. Yet in a sense we are beggars for you have given all that we have. In humility we express our thanksgiving, in humility we acknow ledge you to be the Lord. Come to us in these minutes that we might be made aware of you goodness, your purity and your holiness. Make us glad, make us happy, make us joyful as we celebrate what Christ has done . . and what his spirit stands ready/ to do.

Our Father, we are sometimes puzzled by the words which appare antly were meaningful to our preents and ancestors. We praythat we may seek, and that you will grant, the experiences which those words describe. When we think of you grace, give us an experience of your freely given gifts so that we shall surely know what it is all about. When we speak of faith, may it come to be clothed with personal meaning. When we talk about salvation help us to make it a matter of our heart's and spirit's experience. Then, whether we use the words of not, we shall be truly your poeple.

Help us to give up on the idea that we can do everything for ourselves. We cannot save ourselves, we cannot extricate ourselves from the web of human sin and deceit, from the chains of social bondages, nor from the limitations placed on us by our self-centeredness. Cause us to awake to you constantly seeking love . . ready, as it were, to extend a divine hand and to lift us and to make us whole. In a word, may we became aware of your grace - and in faith respond to it.

We think now and bring into you presence those lives and those situtations about which we are concerned. Those which need the touch of your love, the courage which comes from you, the direction which you are able to porvide, the comfort which flows from your spirit and the challenge which is given us by your goodness. So we pray for the needs of others, but keep us ever mindful of our own.

We also intercede for the strife torn world of which we mre a part . . for those who suffer pain, for those whose lives are wasted, for those whose dignity is sapped by oppression, for those whose energies have waned from disease, for those whose desire has been destroyed by constant rebuff, for those who guide the destinies of the nations, and for those who suffer from the pain of hunger and deprivation. Almighty God, the scripture tells us to be thankful to you in all things and asks us to acknowledge the blessings of life ... we thank you most of all the one whom we can thank, even yourself. For the creative and transforming love, for the guidance of those who have gone before us, and for your guidance, for the freedom which we have been given in Christ and for the joy of relationship to you and to one another.

We give thanks for whatever you have given us; for health and strength or for grace to live with imperfect health; for the love and care of our family; for joys of friendship; the healing of humor and laughter and the lifting power of music and the arts; and for every good gift of joy and renewal. We praise you for all great men and women and for the little children we have known who have helped us on our may; for everyinsight into truth, for every glimpse into the reality of the world around us - in men å and women, inthe challenge of problems, in opportunities to help others. We thank you for the Church, the company of faithful people in every land, of every station in life. We thank you for the nation which cleims our loyalty and citizenship; for all that is just and noble and right in our history. And we thakk you most of all for your gift of Jesus Christ. Freely we have received. Let us freely give of ourselves to your ways and service.

Now Lord we bring you every soul who rebels against giving you tranks which he does not feel, Will you try to understand us when gladness for your gifts dies in the thought of man's inhumanity to man; in our remembrance of what we have lost or have never received? Turn our minds from what we lack to what we possess thru being your children, loved by you.

Let your spirit be poured out upon every church in every land. Guide our leaders of both church and state and grant courage and wisdom to all those who give themselves to public service. O God, whose son Jesus Christ healed all manner of sickness, contin his gracious work in the homes and hospitals of our land. Comfort with your ddep assurance and love those who are in deep trouble because of bereavement, defeat, or despair. Hear us as we lift those poeple we know by name into your presence.

Grant that when we live this afternoon and the tomcorows that we may go forth to the world's ways and work that we may use that which we have received from you to your glory. Let us feel you grace and presence. Father God, before whom all the powers of the universe will ultimately bow for you have created them, we come to again this morning in moments of prayer and supplications. We do so because we know you to the the Lord with our minde and many times sense your lordship with our spirits and heart. We who are your creatures can only praise and adore you, even the we might decieve ourselves into thinking that we are masters of our own destinies. Accept what heart and glory we can give to you.

We come to you with thankful hearts and with gratitude in our spirits. When we consider the work of your hands around us we marvel at your glory and thank you for surrounding us with beauty and dependable order. When we consider the work of your love in the creation of man we stand amazed that you out up with us and continue to love and search for us. We thank you for that. And when we consider the way in which you tend to us daily we are ashamed at our lack of loyalty. For you have surrounded us with an environment of relation and love; of mutual concern and common aspirations. We are grateful for that. But when we consider your mighty acts of love and redemotion in Jesus Christ, wrought for our sakes, we are overwhelmed by your grace and mercy. We thank you for that.

We come to you with hearts which are void and emoty, at least at times; with lives often lacking purpose; with loyalties which at best waver between the fleeting and the teernal. We desire to have, and we ask you to provide us with, the things necessary for the full life, that committment to Chris: which will bring wholeness and meaning to life and that oneness of purpose which will make our lives abundant and worth while. Give us the courage to trust and to obey you.

We come to you with aches in our spirits and pains in our hearts because of the conditions of our world and the needs of ourselves and our fellows. So we pray that you will, thru your mighty power, minister to the world, to others and to us fulfilling our needs and calling us to a new life in Christ. Hear our intercessions and, if it be your will, use

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Grant your blessing upon us during the remaining moments of

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Lord God, you who are the fountain of all that is exceelent and beautiful in human life, once more we trun to you, unreplenished, needing renewal; weak, needing strength; tired needing rest. We have tried to content ourselves with lesser things but you have set eternaity in our hearts. We are restless until we find rest in you. Into this ommunity of your people we come to praise you with our lips. Yet save us from the acient sin of acknowledging you with our words and denying you with our actions. Give us sincerity . . from the ungenuine lead us to the genuine, from the unreal to the real.

O god, play upon the chords of our lives. We have often placed ourselves at the disposal of the discords of the world that we now come to you that your spirit might touch the strings of our hearts.

Touch the string of gratitude. If our complaints have been so many that we have lost perspective of thy favor, grant us the horizons so that we might experience, with the psalmist, your steadfast love and be thnakful for it. Remind us of the homes we came from, the high inspriations which we have. Touch , too, the strings of love. Awaken in us the spirit of friendship and kindness. Save us from resentment, and cynicism. If someone has wronged us, help us to see afresh how someone has blessed us. Kindle goodwill in our lives so that our better selves may have opportnity for expression. Let benevolence, tolerance, understanding, compassion and love possess our souls

Touch also the sterner cords. Awaken our devotion. We pray for work to do and the strength to do it. Send us into this agonizing generation where no man need waste his life in alegiance to the trivial to find our tasks as your disciples in our homes, in the church, in the state, in our business life, and in the whole graternity of mankind. . that because we have lived and sought to be your witnesses this earth may be a better place for the you to raise your children in.

Lord, here our prayers of intercession . . Our concerns sometimes are not your concerns . . yet we pray earnestly for your will be to done in all things. Visit our time thru whatever means you please and touch with your love and power those who stand in special and personal need. We now name in our hearts those whom we know that we would pray for. . . .

So touchour spirits, Dur Father. Let our hearts awake to praise you and then may we go forth to serve our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Imen O Eternal and Loving God, on this joyful day of the celebration of the hope which we as Christians share, we lift our praise to you singing, not only with our voices, but with our hearts as well He is risen, he lives, he has overthrown the threats to the abundant life, he has overcome death, and he reigns king of king and lord of lords. Thanks be to, 0 God, for he has brought life and immortality to light. (That you should condescend to bless us with such a certainly is not ours to understand...we only in humilty can offer you praise and thanksgiving. May he live in each heart in this place today.

Yet, we know that there are many whose hearts and minds are closed to his rising and his presence. For them we pray, and we ask that if we have failed in presenting the risen Christ in winsome and winning ways that you will guide us in the days ahead. Let us more fully reveal him to others, as you more fully reveal yourself to us. And we know too that life has gone stale for many who once were visited by the living Christ. We pray that you will move once again into their being relighting the flames of conviction and dedication. We know too that thos who have been caught up by the living spirit of Christ sometimes flag and tire. Be to them a never failing source of strength and vitality.

Now, Lord God, hear the thanksgiving we make. You have placed us in the environments of love and concern, in families and in a close community and we thank you. You have seen to it that our material needs are more than tended to, and we tank you; you have made available to us those resources of the spirit which add meaning to our lives, and we thank you. You have added the dimension of depth, of joy, a peace, and of purpose to our living, and we thank you. You have provided in Jesus Christ a vision of your love and we tank you. You have given us in his living spirit the power to be your children and we thank you.

Listen now, Loving Father, to the intercessions we make as we pause in stillness and quietness....

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN HALLOWED BE THY NAME, THY KINGDOM COME THY WLLL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSE AS WE FRGIVE 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. Almighty God, you who have called the worlds into being, who placed the stars in their paths, who ordered the ways of nature in such as manner as to confound the minds of men, yet who has created the spirit of man in your own image, we laud and praise your name. We recognize you to be the supreme Lord of all being, yet the lover of each human being. We who are your children thru faith in Jesus Christ now draw near to you in prayer, trusting that you will draw near to us.

Make us thankful people, O God. When we consider your gifts and grace we can only bow in humility and gratitude before you. Even the we find it somewhat contrary to our mood and disposition we are thankful when we consider how you have come to us in times of trial and difficulty and given us your peace and direction. We are thankful for the relationships which we have with one another - in families, in friendships, in casual associations - for we are coming to know that the life you have given cannot be lived in isolation. We are thankful, too, when we think about those abilities and energies you have given us so that we might create blessings for ourselves and that we might mold our surroundings for our comfort and ease. We are by grateful for the spirit of sacrifice you taught us in Jesus Christ because many have shared and sacrificed for us. And we are grateful for your love so gloriously shown in Jesus Christ - how he lived, how he died, how he was raised, and how his spirit still sustains us and brings us both joy and challenge.

Listen now, our Father, to our concerns as we lay them before you. There are those who are ill, who would greatly rejoice if your healing touch were placed on them; there are those who are discouraged who would take heart if your strength were given them; there are those in places of important leadership who could greatly belss mankind if you would guide them; there are your people who are banded together in churches who could truly be your people if you would open their lives and hearts. For all peoples, their conditions and their possibilities, we pray.

Now, Lord, make us sensitive to you will and way. More than that help us accept your will for our own lives, placing our own desires in the background. Accept and strength every resolve which is made today in commitment to you. And let us depart from this place in few moments refreshed, challenged, and recommitted to him who loved us so much that he died for us, Jesus Christ our Lord in whose freighted for hame we pray. Amen. Eternal God, Lord of heaven and earth; master of the far-flung galaxies and of the inner life of the atom, we have gathered to celebrate and to remember your mighty action in the world. And we feel constrained to offer ourselves in praise and worship, when we sense your majestic power, hoping that your strength may become ours. Indeed when we sense your greatlove for us, we are moved to think of our own lack of love. When we ponder your generosity to us it grates a little on our nerves because we know then something of our own lack of concern andcompassion.

So we resognize with our minds and feel in our hearts a kind of remorse. Our fathers called this repentance and understood what it was. Create in us a sense of sorrow because of our wayward behavior, our unChrist like attitudes, and our hearts which seem to take delight in sin.Why, if we ware in your shoes, Lord, we surely would chastize us because of the lack of patience to endure our thoughtlessness. But your steadfast love forgives and redeems. Help us to feel repentance, to accept forgiveness, and to turn to Christ for guidance and strength to chaage.

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- for the ill, the fearful, the weak, the perplexed, those who seek to hide ain

Send now your spirit to make our worship acceptable to you and to help make our responses to your answers to our prayer acceptable to you

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 TRESSPASSES AS WE FIRGIVE 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. Eternal Spirit, whose glory exceeds the comprehension of the human mind, and whose holiness is more than the human spirit can grasp we bring now to you the heart-felt needs of our souls. We unite now in common prayer, looking to you, the source of all being for comfort, for guidance, for forgiveness and for a new calling from you.

We offer to you for your use any goodness which you can find in our lives. We ask that when we are loyal to you that you will multiply our loyalty. If there be any compassion in our being, take it and use it for the care and love of the uncared for and the loveless. If there be any high desire and nobel ambitions in our hearts, help us to find ways of making them real in the practical day by day affairs of life. If there be any benevolent yearnings in ouroutlook, let it show up in the use of time, energies, and money. Whereever we have a trait like those found in our Lord - however faint they might be - give us the will so to mourish, so to use, so to practice them that our lives, as well as the lives of many around us, will know that we are followers and disciples of Jesus Christ. So we offer you whatever goodness, whatever beauty, whatever love tht we have in our lives, asking you to help us to actualize it and enlarge it in our daily experiences.

Even tho, our Father, we are prome to bewail the burdensome of our estate, we give glory to you for your providential care. . . . a care which has made us recipients of a great grace, of great richnesses. We praise you for beauty and friedship, for things and non-things, for your love and your spirit. Remind us that we are not poor, but rich if our heart and allegiance is stayed on you. For we know that treasures of the spirit far exceed any treasure which may be corrupted or stolen. But forbid that our praise whould be with our tongue only. . may we find w ays of making our gratitude a way of life, and way in which your healing power is mediated into the world.

Hear now our intercessions on behalf of the needy and the troubled world. Remind us that destiny hangs on the daily decisions which we each render in our hearts and minds. Look both to our individual and corporate needs . . and let your concern and action flow to us all . . thou us of that be your will. Gor Faher whe stin heaven hellewed be the name the hand and the well be dree on earth and the the hand. The world be dree on earth and the hand. The world be dree on earth and the hand. The world be dree on earth and the hand. The world be dree on earth and the hand. The world be dree on earth and the hand. The world be dree on earth and the hand. The world be dree on the formet the hand the power the form and for the other the provide the power to the form the formet the hand the power to be form the form the formet the Eternal God, to whom we owe the gift of this day's life, give us aslo the spirit to use it as we ought. Forbid that we should stain the brightness of your gift with any eveil thought or darken it with any shameful deed. Rather let your spirit breathe into our hearts today high motives, pure desires and a deep compassion for others. Let your truth inform my minds. Let your justice and love make throne within us and rule over our errant wills. Let Christ be formed in us, and let us learn from him all lowliness of heart, all gentleness of bearing, all modisty of speech, and helpfulness of action, and promptness in the doing of your will.

O God who has emcompassed the whole world with your mercy and who does not will that any of your children should perish, we call down your blessings upon all who are striving to make this world a better place to live. Especially we pray for all who are valiant for truth; who work for purer and juster laws; who are working for peace among the nations; who are engaged in healing diseases; who are iengaged in the relief of poverty, who are engaged in the rescue of the fallen. We pray for all who are working toward the restoration of the unity of your church; for those who live the gospel; for those who bear witness to Christ in all they do; and for all who suffer for righteousness sake.

Caat down, O Lord, all the forces of cruelty and wrong. Defeat all selfish and worldly minded schemes, and prosper all that is conceived amoung us the spirit of Christ and carried forth to his monor.

Now to you, Dur Father, we offer our praise . . for our various blessings: A home to share and friends to cherish; a place to fill and work to do; a green world to live in and pure air to breathe; healthy exercise and simple pleasures; our long history to remember and its great men to follow; much that is worth knowing and the skill and science to know it; happy days and inward calm that you give in days of gloom; the peace that comes from you which can dwell in us; and the faith that looks thru death and the hope of the larger life beyond the grave. We thank you for your liberal hand and generous heart.

Take now our hearts and make them generous in commitment to you. Thru Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen,

Let the wicked forsake his ways, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: let him return to the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, 0 God, thou wilt not despise.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Call to Confession

The scriptures move us to acknewledge and confess our sins before almighty God, our heavenly father, with a humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart, to the end that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice, unto the throne of his heavenly grace.

Invocation

Almighty God, from whom every good prayer cometh, and who pourest out on all who desire it, the spirit of grace and supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections, we may worship thee in spirit and in turht.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 trespesses, as we forgive those who trespeass and 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 Lord God, again we have come together to seek your guidance and inspiration for the life you have given. We marvel at your greatness, and the love which you manifest in so many ways. We lift our hearts and voices in praise and ask that we can sense still deeper than we do something of your nature, of your character, of your beauty. We know its not possible for us to comprehend all of your because we are created by you and it is not possible for creature to fathom the wisdom and depth of the creator. So we worship, . acknowledging our debt to you and we praise you realizing that we cannot do you justice.

Help us to accept your love and blessings. We cannot really understand why you have so favored us. But perhaps we can be led by our worship and by our commitment to a new relationship with you. Let us accept your goodness not asking and searching for why . . but responding with love. Of course, there are those among us who doubt that we are richly favored, and still feel that on our own power and wisdom we have merited life and its accompanying blessings. We pray for the humility to place our gratitude where it belongs . . to you.

Now Lord come to us and wake us from our slumber . . the sleep of dulled commitment to you. We no longer take your commands seriously, we have ceased to believe that we can personally relate to you, we have looked at Jesus with admiring eyes but have scourned his ways and called them impractical. Wake us from the dead center we have stopped on and casue to the step across the barrier //#// keeping us from risking our lives for your sake. We sometimes wonder why your way bores us so . . but we can not be bored by something we have not really tried ...at least for a long time.

Hear now our prayers of intercession. Having decided, hopefully to serve you better and to offer ourselves a little more completely we can in good faith pray for other . . for we are more willing to offer ourselves as agents of your redeeming love. Be merciful to the ill, deal kindly with those who are lonely, deal lovingly with those who stand at the brink of some of life's danger spots. Guide the affairs of men and nations that we might not perish. Speak gently to those who hide secret sin, speak loudly to those who have ability and resource to help your movement greatly but presently are not willing to de so.

In all things let us seek the mind of christ that we might pattern our liver after his poirit. Eternal God, whose presence does inspire us to worship and praise you, we are reverent and thankful as we bow now in prayer. You have mdae yourself known in the glory of your love, and we are here to taste once again that love and to renew the spirit and minds you have so generously given us.

O Lord, you have made this world of beauty and given us so many gifts of love, life, friends, work, sacrament, feedeom, and the greatest gift of all . . Jesus Christ our Lord. We are thankful, help us when we are ungrateful.

Let us pray for our loved ones. Let us ask your will be done for them and thru them, knowing that you love them even more than we do. Let us pray for our city officials, for our state leader, for those in congree, and for the President. And for law enforcement officials that each may be given what is necessary to deal justly and fairly with all. Let us pray for the churches of our city and our world . . that in spite of our fzillings we might be communities of faith faithful reach ing others with your message of redemption. Let us pray for the anonymous lonely people who live around us; for the older citizens restricted ny age and infirmitiy; and for the youth you seem restircted by nothing. Let us ask God for help in saying and doing that which helps. Let us pray for those in deep need of understanding, of sympathy, of practical help; for those who are easily hurt by criticism; for those who criticize to easily; for those troubled about marriage; and those perplexed at being single. Let us pray for the sick of body, of mind and spirit; for those recovering health in hospitals and homes, and for those who have made themselves worse by their lack of love, of hope, of faith in god's healing power.

Show your lovingkindness, O God, to all who stand in need of he help, be with the weak until they find strength, be with the strong until they become gentle. Cheer the lonely with your co company and the the worried with your peace.

Come now and bless us with your goodness and challenge us with your comission. May we accept for ourselves in the week coming something task we can do, so change of character we can accomplish. Then when pop we gather next week we can be truly thankful. In the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

can accomplish. Then when \$1 we gather next week we can be truly thankful. In the name of Jesus Christ Amen. Our fader the art in hearth hallowich to thy name, thy hundom come thy will be done of larth as it is in hearth. Give as this day larth as it is in hearth. Give as this day our daily bead and progress on Theopenies as our daily bead and progress on Theopenies as the forgue three the formers of the form end the generation and the set deliver is form end the generation of the proves of the form end the

Eternal God, The shepherd of our souls, out of the noise and the turbulence of the world, we come with revernece to worship thee. Refresh us with the spirit of of wonder anf awe. From the things man has made, we come into thy sanctuary to think of what they hast made. Deppen our reverence for thee and the vastness and magnificence if thy creation. In wonder we worship thee.

We come before thee with regret for the wrongs we have done. We have wasted many opportunities, we have made a sad tale out of what might have been a glorious story. We have burden ed others when we ought to have brought them joy; we have depressed them when we ought to have lifted them. We repeat for all that has been wrong in us, and we acknowledge the reality of our sin. Yet, 0 God in thy mercy and love send us out with firmer purpose and high resolves, with penitence and power.

We \$\$#\$K/**** beseech thee to strength us so that we can handle the joys and adversities of our coming days. We ask no comfortable time, but we pray for the faith which will hold us secure when life's stroms come to us. Let not prosperity spoil us or trouble shake us. Let rather joy be opportunity and trouble bring forth the best in us that we may be worthy disciples of the Christ who took into his life alike the joy of the lilies of the field and the suffering of the Cross of Calvary.

We lay before thee our deep concern about the world. Grnat thy people intelligence and the courage to use it. Grant thy people moral sensitivity and the strength to us it. We crucify Christ because we either know not what to do or, if we do know, do not have the strength to do it. Save us and thy world from the insanity that turns man against man and man against thee. May we learn to love others as we ought to love thee ... with hearts and soul and strnegth and mind.

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Grant us a fresh vision of these 0 God.Let Christ cawn upon us anew today. Make everything escellent real to us. Break thru our dullness with the vision that life is beautiful and meaningful. Too easily we learn to despise life, teach us to love it.

Come close to those in speacil need, and beyond our power to ask of thee, be thou our adequate resource. Help us all to bear living witness to the grzce of Christ. . in whose name we pray/. O God, who has given us not only day for labor and night foe rest, but also the peace and stength to make both a promise of your goodness and love, grant, we ask you, that the quietness of this hour may be to us a time of renewal and refreashment of spirit that we may be able to finish the purpose and work you have given us.

Lord God, we thank you for this day's rest, in which we lay aside our daily duties to relac our bodies, to recreate our minds and to strengthen our spirits. We thank you for this hour of celebration and worship in which we humbly bring our cares and anxieties to have them examined in accordance with your love and mercy. We also bring our half resolves and our unfulfilled commitments that we might review them once again and seek your guidance in keeping them. Our thanksgiving is limited only be our dull spirits and the wunwillingness to admit that you are the source of pur blessings. Make us thankful people.

Abice new, 0 God, with those who serve the church, or rather serve you thru the church. Help us that we may truly become the body of Christ - ministering and serving in his name . . let his hands be our hands, his feet our feet, his tongue our tongue. In your name, let us peak your Word of love and in your strength let us lift up the maery and comfort the sorrowing.. Grant that no jealousy or envy of one another to silence your praise. Empower us all to be prophets of your purpose and priests of your grace.

Lord God, who knows our needs before the note them for you, we bring you our fears that we may face them and conquer them with you; we bring our inner loneliness or hurt that you may heal us. We bring our failures and sins that we may be forgiven; we bring to you anxious persons; discouraged ones/ because they have tried and fallen, we bring those who feel the chill of bereavement, those who arre boudtful of you and your love and those who are tempted to despair about a more just and brotherly society and those who are hopeless about maintaining and building peace. Grant to each one that which he needs most. 116

The Lord has showed you, O people, what is good; and what does herequire of you but bo do justice and love mercy and walk humbly with your God. Go forth in his name and with his peace.

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Eternal God, you love all you children . . accept us as we come to you in prayer. Some of us come because we cannot bear the burden of our sin. Some of us have come scarcely knowing why we have come . . maybe because of our doubts, our fears, and our inner hurts. But they you are love and you will bless us above all that we dare ask or seek. We worship you and acknowledge you to be the Lord.

O God, source of light and love, we give thanks to you for all that we owe for your guiding and sustaining hand. We thank you for the mercies of past days, and for your goodness. We thank you for our forerunners in the faith who down thru the years have prepared the way for our Lord coming to us; for the friends and disciples of Jesus who were the first to make him known. Thanks to you for the glad and loving hand of those who seek to minister to others thru the church. For all people everywhere who proclaim in word and deed his coming and his message.

God, here us as we pray for our brothers and sisters of mankind, Direct and support the church. Weask for your help for the church in our land. Send your blessings upon all who seek to serve you thru the church. Uphold all whose task it is to serve and guide the community, the state, the nation and the world. Be the companion of those who have in their hearts a passion for social justice; who toil that men and women, and children may be protected against poverty, disease and anything which would defile the dignity which you have given them. Bless those who make laws, those who enforce them, those who disobey them, help those who tend the ill to see persons rather than files, those who responsibility it is to direct and rule others.

Lord God reward with your love those who labor for good and those who service is taken for granted. Help all those who work and serve - even those who do so in menial tasks - to have a new appreciation of their work and contributions. Help each person of community, of our world, to understand his vital importance in the total scheme of your plan and wey/

Now, Father, speak a word to each of us here gathered. May it call us from our lethargy into enthusiasm, from our sin into a new relationship with one another, from our waste of ourselves and our resources into a campetent use of what you have given us. Speak a word that will enable us to beave here in a few minutes better than when we arrived. Eternal God, from whose creative power the universe received its form and beauty, and from whose heart of love came the soul and spirit of man, we lift our hearts and voices to you in prayer and praise, in thanksgiving and joy. We acknowledge your wisdom and recognize your otherness. And yet we know that you are not separated from us for in Jesus Christ you have come very near to us, and with your spirit your closeness encourages us and at times embarrasses us.

In thanksgiving we turn to you remembering your blessings. For strength to meet and master wach day as it comes; for insight and guidance to approach the perplexities of life; for patience and persistence in dealing with the difficulties which enrich our days: for sensitivity and compassion which causes our hearts to ache when we observe human need; for the eye to see and the ear to hear the beauty around us; for the maturity and sense to take a second look and to rethink our priorities and prejudices and for the faith and courage to take Christ at his word.. All of that, and much more, accept our thanks.

We pray, O God, that you will help us to look at ourselves in new wyas, help us to peer into the depths of our spirits. we are often plaque by emptiness, and badgered by doubts, and left anxious by feelings of purposelessness. We have long claimed that your spirit could heal our hurts and lead us to peace. Yet, so often, that has not been true with us. So come to us and reveal the power of your love, the strength of a firm resolve, and the unifying power of deep conviction.

We pray, Lord, for the needs of men. We intercede for those who labor for a better today for your children, and for those who sacrifice that others might find dignity and hope. Be with those who endeavor to feed the hungry, chothe the naked, teach the illiterate, and love the unloved. Be with us in our need. Pay heed, merciful God, to those persons and situations which we separately place before you. Our talkey who art in beaving hollow De the

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Lord God and Master of human destiny, we enter now into this moments of the sacrament of prayer. We shall try to give to you the honor and glory you deserve, even the we don't really understand you, We feel, sometimes all too vaguely, that you are majestic and all-powerful; that you are love and judgement combined; and that you have created and are creating. Accept what praise we can honestly render you, even to the point of stretching our imagination. Let us sense something of your holiness amid our profane existence; let us feel something of the thrill of life amid our existence which, at times, is all too dull and routine.

Give us the power to be alert, alert to your presence on a bright summer day ... where all around us there is that which bespeaks of your glory and that which demonstrates that life abounds. Jake us aware of the beauty of personhood, the inspiration that comes when another opens himself to us andreveals the spirit which you have created. Make us sensitive to the movements, large and small, of your spirit in our experience - the laughing of a child, the haunting of a high thought, the surprize of a new idea, the cry of the afflicted, the pleading eyes of the pained person, and the begging countenance of someone who hungers - for food. or for lave, or for understanding, or for someone to care. Cier us eyes to see, and ears to hear you in the events and relationships which we day to day experience. If we cannot what find you there, we are not likely to find you.

Now, Lord, Accept our thanksgiving. It is now shown nearly shough in our lives, but we gratefully acknowledge your bless ings. Your gifts are beyond our comprehension . . nerhaps that is why we often stand in unbelief that they really come from you. Some of us have been comforted and strengthened thru hours of sorrow and loneliness this past week, we thank you for that. Some have had good fortune come thier way, we are grateful. Others have been blessed with great joy coming to them. Thank you for that. . Others have discovered or re-discovered a friend, we are grateful. Numberous are your personal activities in our midst, of great multitude are the blessings which yo provide for all. Make us grateful.

Father God, will you cause each of us to seek to discover our true selves in the days ahead? Take away our fear, and let us ponder the condition and the potential of the life you have given us. Then shall our Lord Jesus Christ be able to come to us and call us into a deeper relationship to him. Lord God, you are altogether good. You never do less than justice to men: instead, you always do more than justice showing kindness when we have no right to expect it, and repeatedly overlooking what we owe you.

Often we find phissipped you forgiving people who seem to us to be greater sinners than we are. Help us not to be gruding and resentful about this. Deliver us from being so blind to the purpose of your generosity that we fan/f/a call it unfairness. Rather, may we imitate your love by loving one another, so that we can safely pray as we have been commanded "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us"

Lord God, our- lifegiver and liberator, amke us both alert and free in your service. In the light of your truth may we see what value to set on each days events, and how best to deploy our resources for each days decisions. Help us to be head headed without being hard hearted; and if we have to choose between two evils, give us at least the will to do right, and the assurance that even when we are at our wits end we are never out of your mercy's reach.

Father, we are thankful for the heritage which is ours, one coming from a seemingly inconsequential experience on Aldersgate street generations ago; and one derived from your son who visited our planets ages ago. Help us to be more aware of our heritage. But let us not dwell so much on the past that we neglect the pressing opportunities and challenges of the present. Endow us with the spirit of Christ which sent our forefathers out as witnesses with a burning conviction or release from sin.

We dare to pray for a heart-warming experience today, in our time. We acknowledge that we cannot control your spirit, but help us to want to create the enviorment where your spirit seems most likely to have its way with us.

Now loving God, visit with your spirit upon those who today are ill and sick, who are distressed and anxious, who rejoice for having reached one of lifes milestones. Grantyour gracious guiding hand to those who graduate from HS this week . . and may that hand be a light to them all their days.

Our father who art in herven hallowed be thy name, Thy Kingdom rome, thy will be done on earth as it is in herven give us this day our daily bred. And forgive us our tresposses as we forgive these who trespass against us. And her is not into temptation but deliver us from evil for there is the kingdom of the price is the glory forever. Once again, O Lord, your day has come, and we have returned to your house. We wait here in these sacred moments before you, but outside the walls the beat goes on.

All our daily concrens keep drumming at us, O Lord. We have come here to worship you, but we find that we are not very good at spiritual meditation. So much of everyday's pressure bears in and down upon us even here <u>-</u> the stupid mistake we amde on the job, the tight budget at work and at home, the way we mange to keep hurting those we love, the burden of unfinished responsibilities, a nation whose peoples are set at odds, the blood that still flows while a war winds down, the fear that clutches us in the night, the loneliness that chills our souls when we least expect.

O God of peace and light, we bow to pray and stillin our throbbing hearts the beat goes on. Is there, Lord, no rest for the weary, even here no calm for our troubled spirits?

Hold us for this moment in your very presense, D God, open our eyes to see you as you really are - creator of heaven and this teerming earth, lord of hisotry and sevior of sinful men, Father of the fatherless and brother of all who suffer, and wherever life is most desperate, God with us.

Free us from any sense of religious failure because we cannot get the world off our minds. Help us to see you carrying the griefs on your heartand sharing the burdens which oppress us ever day.

Teach us that worship which does not close its eyes on the world, but which give us new sight to see you fix at work in all the confusion. When we go out from your house to hour homes and our jobs. . let us know that you are there as well as here.

Make us, O God, your people for the seventies, no longer refugees from life as it is but pilgrims marching to the music of your purpose out there where the beat goes on.

As we worship apart from the world you have given us and that we have made for ourselves, we thank you for calling us to this time. We thank you for challenging us with tasks which are befitting to your children. We are grateful for the sustaining power and relationships which enable us, with you help, to be your people in the world. We are thankful for Jesus Christ

in whose love and in whose way we can find the abudnat life.

Lord God, our Father, Let us now be aware of your presence and holiness as we involve ourselves in this time of prayer. It is not always easy to sense your nearness and your glory, for we are unaccustomed to turning our ears and eyes to the heart of all that there is. We are more practiced at knowing surface things .. such as the ledger sheet, the pains and regrets of yesterday, the anxiety about tomorrow, the immediate needs and desires of body and spirit, and urge to succeed and to be accepted. Permit us now to feel, not only your presence, bet also, the heartbeat of the ultimate and the eteraal, those realities which make everything read, those certainities without which nothing is certain. We want to glorify your name, we want to praise you, we want to acknowledge you as Lord, we want to know that you are the supreme reality of the universe As we continue worship, help us to know.

Give to us a renewed experience of your spirit. Even the we have come face to face with you in at times in the past, we have found that we need encounters with you along the way to keep vital our relationship to you. But we ask you to keep us from being self-centered in our faith . . using it for our sakes. Help us rather to let our faith use us in your service. That means more than we bargained for, perhaps. Yet, prove to us the glory and the joy of fully commiting ourselves to you . . willing to risk what that requires. Nothing ventured, nothing gained . . that's true in the spiritual life as well as in the life of love and economics.

As we are thus led to serve you by serving others, grant us a larger vision of the difficultness of such service. While being kind to one another, comforting others, and the conventional kind of service is very significant . . show us that more is involved. . . working for unpospular causes, calling to task the powerful, seeking to undermine and topple structures which perpetuate evil and the thwarting of human dignity. Let us not be afraid to be like the early disciples who were constantly in hot water but joyous and free.

We pray for others and for the conditions of men. Mediate you love and healing strength to those who have suffered tragedy and loss, grant your grace to those who hunger and thrist . . in body and after righteousness. In all things may we be wise enough to know the difference between your will and the accepted conventions of men. To Christ let our dedication be complete, to our brothers let our service be compassionate and wholehearted. Eternal God, who entered into our lives and world in Jesus Christ, come again to us that we might know something of your power and glory. Come that we might be lifted into a new re-

lationship with you, one which will permit us to share in your life, in your spirit, in your work, and in your joy.

Give us peace in our hearts, in our relationships, and in the world. We make the claim that Christ is the Prince of Peace, we calimm to be his Bollowers, and yet, peace is strange to us. So grant us peace, and make us peacemakers.

Give us joy, not just the surface elation that happiness that spreads over us during this season, but that joy that permeater the whole of our being, that joy which is not dependent upon outward circumstances but flows from inner certitude and outlook. Make us mediators of joy.

Give us hope, the hope which overcomes our proneness to give up, to accept things the way they are. Enable us to see beyond any present moment of stress, to approach the whole of life with the affirmation that you care, and that you control. Let us not yield to despair, but confidently look to you for guidance in all of our doings. Make us dispensars of hope.

Give us love . . not that you have ever withheld your love from us, but that we have a hard time believing in the unlimited nature of your love. Since we are somewhat limited in our willingness to love, we have concluded that you are too. Make us lovers.

Make us willing to give. Not just the normal giving that we do at Christmas, but the giving that requires a sacrifice and always issues in work done for you. After all, our Lord set the pattern for our giving - a pattern we look upon as unrealisite - and we have not even begun to approach it yet. Make us givers.

Thank you, our Father, for sending us the chief peace maker, the world's greatest joygiver, our best hope, mankind's greatest lover, and the world's best giver . . all in Jesus Christ. So we celebrate Christmas, so let it mean something

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Eternal God, Lord of life on both sides of the experience we call death, into this place of worship we have come for renewal and guidance. Even the your word and spirit comes to us thru the very human elements of persons, music, and spoken word, we sense a presence not our own . . a presence which lifts us, inspires us, fills us with hope, and causes us to look deeper into our existence. We praise you and acknowledge you to be the Lord, the everlasting Father, the source and ground of our being.

Teach us to look inward. Within our restless spirits let the light of your spirit illumine our anxieties and fears, and dispell our guilt and failures. Help us to be generous in forgiving others as you are generous in cleansing us when we turn in trust to you.

Teach us to look outward. Give us eyes to see the pain and turmoil around us; to see the perplexed and those who stand on the brink of self destruction. Help us to see the herioc efforts of good people and the contribution multitudes have made by their faith and their love. Give us eyes to see the courage behind the smiles we take much for granted, and let us see how much love inspires deeds of kindness; and how much strength lies behind the gentleness which brings rest and peace.

Teach us to turn our eyes upward. Let our vision, in spite of all that it encounters in humanrelations, have the power to see that you alone are God. Give us the power to see your hand in the affairs of men and nations. help us to perceive that evil will not forever survive, that power divorced from goodness finally destroys itself.

Hep us to look forward, as well Let us face reality with honest eyes and courageous hearts and undaunted spirits. Let us look with confidence, knowing that when we trust you our feet are planted on firm ground as we wander thru the life you have given us.

Thank you, Lord God for your love and mercy, for your goodness and gnerosity. Geant unto each of us the courage to commit our lives into your keeping and into your service. Eternal God of all ages, whose protective hand is apparent in history, whose spirit now offers us strength for the tasks at hand, and whose mighty love and care make our hope for the suture sure; on this day of memory we pause in this holy place to worship and praise you and to thank you for the gift of memory

For we now call to mind Jesus Christ our Lord. How the knowledge of him sustains us; how it causes us to reach beyond ourselves to that which is ever beyond our reach. We remember his life, his teaching, s his suffeing, his death, and his victory. In remembering, we are thankful.

We recall also the knowledge of the forefathers of our national heritage. The spirit of sacrifice, the dedication to lofty principles, and the heritage they have given us . we remember and are thankful.

We think too of the many who fell in battle that our privileges and our obligations to freedom, to equality, and opportunity might remain undefiled and as abundantly available to us as to them. We remember and are thankful.

We remember, too, that great cloud of witnesses who stood strong for you thru the ages, even to the point of death. Because of them we have a sure knowledge of you, a God who loves and who has provided the means of our redemption. We commend to your love and care those members of this congregation who have died this past year, thanking your for their faith and their influence. We remember and are thankful.

And in our heart of hearts, we each see pass before us the face of our own loved ones -- mother and fathers, sons and daughters, friends and neighbors. And even tho loneliness wells up to fill our eyes with tears and pain and builds up within us to fill our hearts with sorrow as we see the sight of their faces . . We remember and are thankful.

But lest all of our remembering and thanksgiving be mockery, we here offer ourselves to you that we may serve the ends and ideals and aspiration which they who have gone before stood strong in. God, have mercy on us if we fail them, for in failing them, we fail you . . and in failing you the spikes once again pierce your hands and feet, and blood trickles down and your life ebbs away.

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. O Lord, we are here in your presence and in fellowship with others who are seeking you. We turn to you in prayer and supplication . . Knowing that you will hear the cry of our spirit and the yearning of our heart. But we wonder that we will accept and respond to your response. But we humble ourselves before you acknowledging you to be the Lord . . the maker of heaven and earth, the creator of the human spirit, and the sustainer of life. When we consider who you are, and what you have done and what you are doing we can only praise you and marvel at your greatness.

O Lord God, grant, that because we are here and have thought together about the business of living in the your presence, life may grow greater for some who are confused by it, happier for some who are tasting the bitterness of it, safer for those who are feeling the peril of it, friendlier for some who are experiencing the loneliness of it, serener for some who are eeneing throbbing with the fever of it and holier for those to whom life has lost all dignity, beauty and meaning. Speak to each one here assembled, saying: "... if any man is in Christ, he is a new creation".

Help us, 0 God, to know that it is possible to become all that you intended for us to be . . persons fashioned after the pattern of our Lord Jesus Christ. Take from us the too easy attitude of near despair which causes us to believe that we have to be as we are, that things have to be as they are. Let us rather, in Christ's name, take hold of the life you have given and prest from it the fullness, the meaning, and the joy which is lost by our willingness to drift and only dream. Give us the attitude which says that life was meant to be livec and not endured; to be given to rather than taken from; and given meaning in relationship to others rather than in selfishness.

We pray, Lord God of our Fathers, for this church and for its members and friends. Give us a new commitment to ourtask, a new understnading of our commission . . both as a congregation and as individuals. Let there come amongst us a new and vital movement of your spirit. Impart to us the power which enabled our spiritual forefathers to be more than conquerors, to be those who changed the course of human society. Give us a vision of the greatness of our calling, and a sense of the importance of our labors. For our calling is to save the world, and our labor, when founded in Christ, will not be in vain. Empower us and guide us as we seek to be disciples in this difficult age. Eternal Spirit, creator of life, masters of all the streams of history, and lover of the human soul, we have gathered in your presence to praise and laud and glorigy your name. If we have any awe and fear - and we ought to have - they are only the marks of our reverence; symbols of the feelings when creature meets creator. Create in us a wonder, and make us question whether or not we have the right to approach you. We have become so blase about the holy, so insenitive to the divine, so familiar with the divine, that we often accept you as one who stands ready to serve us, a kind of holy errand boy add feel that you ought to jump at our slightest desires. Forgive our self-decption. Remind us again that we can come to you only because you invite us.

But still, somehow, you have found it within your love and concern for us to come to us. Maybe you despaired of our ever coming to you. . so you came to us in Jesus Christ. Our faith is that you did come to us, that you lived among us, suffered as few of us will and died as none of us will, and that you arose as all of us will if we belive. Of course, that's all a great mystery . . But during these days of Lent help us to gain someunderstanding of the meaning of Christ's life and death. Indeed, lst us thru the empathy of snesitive spirits participate in it.

When wecontemplate, as we are likely to do from time to time, the graces and gifts you have given us, we ought to be thankful. Our gratitude is great even the we are often thoughtless. We know down deep that our abilities, our emotions, our emergies, our very lives are possible only because you make them so. Daily bread and much more, which we take so much for granted, comes from your mighty hand. The joy & sustaining power of love and friendship, the bonds of family, the relationship of men in social organization, these are only possible because you have first loved us and called us to love one another. Accept our thankfulness, help our ingratitud

We ask now, our father, for you attntion to the world in which we live. Sometimes intentions have misfired and feel ings have been wounded - make us healers. Sometimes the emotions, which so enrich life, have been mishandled and hurt has come - make us madiators of your love. Sometimes our mental and physical capacities have been taxed and illness has come - make us comforers. Sometimes the ties of love have been severed and broekn and crushed spirits have resulted.- make us reconcilers. Sometimes the bonds of social relationships have been atressed and broken and strife has come - make us peacemakers.

In all things draw us to the mind of Chr so that we may know his will, bring us the HS that we may have the power to do

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Lord God, our prayers today are offered in the humble realization that you are able to hear us when we call upon you. We make our supplications knowing something of your marvelousness, something of your greatness, something of your creative power, and something of your love as revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. You are great and greatly to be praised. So we offer you our praise and adoration, sensitive to your status as creatureswho thru Christ have become children.

We ask for openness of heart and recptiveness of spirit, If something has happned during this time of worship and celebra-tion which moved us . . but to which we did not respond, bring that opportunity back that we may again be touched and changed by your spirit. If we closed our minds when a new and challenging idea was placed before us, open them now and let us reconsider. If we came here this morning grudgingly, or to be seen of men, or to seek some magic cure for the problems of life reopen the doors of our motives and our hearts and let the spirit of our lord come in. Show us, each one personally, that where two or three or more of the friends of Jesus are gathered in his name that you will be there too. Show us, each of us, that the community of your people has the power to transform and to make new. Show us, each o f us, that life need not be mundane and boring, but that in Christ it can have meaning and purpose. If you will do those things this morning, then we shall be egipped for your service and joyously bound to our Lord Jesus Christ.

We thank you for your goodness, and for the hand of judgement you place upon ourlives. Surely we cannot sin without bearing the consequences. . consequences tempered by your redeeming and life giving love. We express our gratitude for so much . . . ordinary things - like friends and food, marvelous things - like beauty and life, hidden things - like the growth that comes from hardship and the power found in allowing ourselves to be imprisoned for Christ's sake. We thank you for moving in the lives of people in our community during this week and ask that they do notmove out of your presence in the coming week. Grateful as we are, give us a more grateful heart.

Let us not forget to seek your guidance and to ask your concerd upon those who still seek vainly for you, for those whose basic needs are not met in this world where inequality is rampant, for those who bear the bront of some tragic or special event, for those who anxiousness deplays a lack of faith, and for those who are fainting for want of strength beyond themselves. Lord God, we turn now to you in prayer and meditation. We somehow sense that prayer is an avenue by which we can come to you . . even the it is more like an unmarked trail for some of us, and others have traveled in the wrong direction. For most of us prayer has been a frostrating experience, so we have quietly dropped it from our religious disciplines. Teach us to pray. And to find the relationship with you which will change our lives

We know that it is a good thing that we have come together to worship. Sometimes it isn't very exciting - but then It probably is always fearful for creature to comefice to face with creator. So we acknowledge you to all powerful and almighty and praise your name as best we can, and as sincerely as we can.

Now Lord, thru the week ahead, give us the grace that injury may not awaken in us the desige for revenge, that injustice may not embitter us and that unfair criticism may not enrage us. Grant that we may not be ones who hurt others but may we be indignant when others are hurt. But may we meet hutred with love and injury with forgiveness. Help us to lend our influence to all causes dedicated to human dignity. May we even be brave enough to lead some cause which is needed to bring your saving grace to someone else. May we become members of the team rather than spectators, participants in the roughest and most dangerous of endeavors - redeeming the world and its inhabitants.

Now, Our Father, we intercede for all conditions of men. So vast and great are people's needs - yet we want to include them all, especially those that now pass thru our mind. If it be your will give us the strength to be answers to our own our father, which will be done on earth as this in heaven, holder the the name, the Kandam and prayers. The will be done on earth as this in heaven. Prove us the done on additude break that the fair into the part of the the done the doubt break that the size our traspages as we forgive there the doubt break that the size our traspages as we forgive there the doubt break that there is the Kingdon + the form, alle Glary forever, Amen O Lord, soon we shall close the book of another year, That which is written is written but thanks to you the burdens and guilt of much of it can be erased in your love. For we know that as far as the east is from the west, that far do you remove our transgressions from us. Take from the book of 1975 the pages which are marred by sin, torn by self-will, and made unintellible by failure.

Help us to discard all unworthy things and not carry them into the new year. Take the dust and dead leaves from our lives, remove from us the vicious habits, the unworthy motives, the lusts of the flesh, the ignoble passions of the heart. Do away with the grudges, the bitterness, the mean disposition, the selfishness and the greed.

Help us to carry into the new year all the good that has been given us this past year . . whether that good came as a gift or was done thru our efforts. The days have seen much that ought never forget, and they have added, in your providence, wisdom to our stature. Let us carry forward the love of our fellow man and the love of you which matured or found its beginning in the days past. May the increased affection and relationship we found with others be enlarged and deepened. May we lose nothing that is good; and may we keep nothing that is evil/.

We praise and thank you for the blessings we have experienced, presently experience and will experience thru our Lord. We know him as the up-to-date Christ and we affirm that his truth is sure, his grace cannot be depleted, and his loaf does not diminish.

We are aware of much fault and failure in our nation, O God; help us to patiently wait and work for your deliverance, and help us, from president on down to common citisen, to act with high idealism and pure motive that our acts can become 'he accasions for the you to fulfill your purposes. Bring justice to our land and peace to the world.

Move in and thru the church of Jesus Chirst in the world that it may serve well the Christ and be used to save his people. Grant your favor upon this church that the spirit of love may abide among us, that we may do your good works, that we may call others to the way of Christ, and that we may spread the good news of your salvation to the world.

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Eternal God, you have revealed yourself in the life and action and person of Jesus Christ, and now you speak to us and guide thru your Spirit, we ask you to hear the prayers of your people as they are, in part, vocalized in these moments of public prayer.

We have come together as your people today from a world which beackons us to be elsewhere, and often tries to make us think that acceptance comes thru power and popularity. We see, however, the efficiency with which the world conducts its affairs, and when compared to the manner of the unchanging attitudes with which the church works, it sort of damperns our enthusiasm. And we see the confidence of the world and the apparent weaknesses of the church and our spirits cry out because of concern

But still we have come - knowing for a certainty that the world cannot give us what we seek and what we need - the renewal of our life and a courage and enthusiasm enhanced by the indwelling of your spirit.

We bring our lives: Polluted by sins of greed, anger, mistrust, and pride; lives darkened by fear, anxiety, and indifference; lives hurt by sickness, disease and death; lives defeated by doubtfulness and misgivings. We come and have brought ourselves because we have been promised forgiveness of sins, light for the dark places, streangth to bear the hurt, and victory over defeat. We pray now for the fulfillment of your promises.

Hear our words of thanksgiving. For the past as it has aquiped us for the present and as it has given us an abundance of challenge and hope; for the present and the fresh vitality of new life which is possible in it; and for the future that we may give ourselves fully to your purposes that the days ahead might be safe and secure and meaningful for generations to follow. We thank you for the Charist under whose influence and thru whose activity of love we have been granted the chance for life and hope.

Let us now submit our lives to the Spirit so that we can depart from this service and be fortified to daily live in accordance with your ways. Give us this day - at this time - the wisdom to submit completely to you, so that we may be known as followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord . . in whose name we pray. Amen. Lord God, you are infinitely greater than our noblest thoughts about you, you are everywhere present, and your glory fills all things...make yourself real to us now. We revere you, Father and Redeemer of our lives. Make this place the house of God and make these people truly your people.

O God wh se love for all that you have created is shown in the orderliness and harmony and beauty of the universe, and supremy ly in the life and victory of our Lord Jesus Christ; for all that you have done, for all that you have given, for all that you are now doing and giving to lead us into the life that is life inddeed, we give you the praise of our hearts.

D God you are perfect love, we pray for the mothers, and fathers, the children of all the families of our community and nation, and for the families of mankind Let your spirit of love and wisdom, of goodness and justice, of patience and tenderness live in our lives and homes. Watch over all mothers and fathers and all others who care for and nurture children. We bring to you our own homes asking that love for you will ever more bind our families closer to each other. Come especially to those homes where the light of love has nearly flickered out and is still being buffeted by string winds. Come and bring the peace of understanding, the grade of forgiveness, and the power to reorder lives so that any faltering relationship may be renewed andrestored. Into your healing presence we bring to th you husbands and wives who may still live together as husband and wife but have been driven apart by animosity, selfishness, staleness, and even hatred' those homes wherein parents and children share a common meeting ground but have no genuine common life; those homes where Christ is not the unseen quest but an unknown figure in the distant past. Let your binding grace restore the unity and loyalty and love now missing. May the homes of your church be bound together with bonds which no stress or failure can ever sever.

Now in silent prayer we remember before you mothers, fathers, sisters, dear ones who are now in the unseen be ever in our hearts

Now 0 Lord we commend into your care our nation and poeople. Forgive our cries ofrace and clan, our selfish aims, our indifference to the meeds of others. Turn to your way our people and our leaders that peace and justice might be firmly entrache in our common life. Enter now into our hearts and bring peace and commitment in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. Eternal God, we individually have joined in fellowship to create this *fellow* community of your people. We are such an unworthy group that we wonder why you have chosen us. And probably we have to admit that there are those among us who do not feel that they are part of the people who have been called apart to be Christ's. Yet that is our heritage and it is the incredible profession that we now make -- your chosen people. Help us to live up to such a calling.

Even with our uncertain fellings we seek the joy which can be hours as worshipers and servants. True, it is a goy different from the happiness which marks the uncommitted life . . but joy it is indeed. It causes us to celebrate and be glad even the long tradition has imposed restraint upon our activity and expression. How much we need to give forth in honest expression of our appreciation for your goodness. But we are scared . . remove our fear from us.

We are so unaccustomed to thinking about eternal things that even now some us are on the verge of losing attention, some have long sense wondered away, and some are perhaps on the edge of sleep. Why do we have to be so dull? For are not your actions in the world, are not your words for us today, the most exciting and important things around us? The world does not think so . . but surely, Lord God, we who are your people must think so. If we don't do something to us.

We're in trouble Lord . . that is, the world and its people which you have created are threatened. Apparently you need the help of your pwoale to get you way. Grant us the guidance and the strength so that we can be helpers.

Of course you can't afford to depend entirely on us . . you have your own ways of doing things. So act as you will upon the world's leaders and vips that they might have your wisdom in doing the tasks which have been allotted them. Act with those who stand in need of any kind fulfilling their needs, forgiveing their sins, easing their soorows, comforting their bereavments, guiding their decisions, Above all, have your way with us today so that tommorrow will be changed because we are different.

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. Lord God, we now lift our hearts and voices to you in prayer and supplication. We acknowledge your dominion over us, that you have created us and that we are your children, children who ought to be responsive to your purposes and your ways. We pray for the insight and guidance and the courage to be the people of Christ. Help us to know that first we must be ourselves shedding the garments of unreality and corrupt images which we have taken on at the behest of others and their expectations and at the urgings of our fears. Come to us, 0 God, and deal with us according to what we are, not what we try to be. Tehn can Christ come into our hearts and minds, bringing with him the miracle of transformation and renewal.

Make us thankful people . . grateful for life, its association its possibilities, its joys, and its conquered defeats. For the richness of material things, and for the reservoirs of spiritual power we thank you. Most of all of we praise you for Jesus Christ who has shown us your great and boundless love, who serves as our example of the good and the true, and whose presence gives us the possibility of present hope.

Lord God our heavenly Father, grant that y/z as we have received Jesus Christ, so we may live in him; that we may look to the needs of others and put on the compassion of our LOrd; that we may put to death all arrogance and pride and put on the humility of our Master; that we may be set free from anger and put on the patience of Christ; that we may leave all bitterness and resentment behind and put on the forgiveness of the Lord; and that in everything we do we may be filled with love of Jesus Christ.

Hear our intercessions, for they reflect our common concern for others and for your world. May peace and harmony soon cometo mankind, may the day be not far off when men shall love with limit. Endow the leaders of the world with special light and vision during these perilous days and be pleased to direct the leaders of our state and our city. Look in your tender mercy upon those who are ill, or bereaved, or sorrowing or burdened, or who have decisions to be made. Lord, you know the needs of your children and we pray that you will act upon your concern. We now offer ourselves, where possible to serve as instruements of your concern. Take what we can offer and use it to the upbuilding of your ways among men,

Our fatter who att in heaven hallowed be thy name thy kingdom come thy will be obse on earth as it is in heaven, five us this day our daily bread + forgive us our tres is we forgive those who thespars against us a lead us not into temp tation but dolver us from evil for think is the long com & the priver & the glory forover times Lord God, our help in ages past, our strength in the present

and our hope for the days ahead . . we turn to you for restoration of body and spirit. You are teternal, we are temporal - so visit us with the touch of the everlasting, even the spirit of your love and your call.

Let us be satisfied with the things we already have. Our richness far outshadows the rest of your chilkdrens. Make us thankful rather than bewailingour lot and paeading for more as the we were children crying for more candy. Perhaps your ears tire of our constant complaints about our lot. Give us the good sense to know that we are rich and blessed.

Sut will you patiently hear our prayers for those blessings of the spirit which are so often lacking because we have tried to substitute material blessings for them. Grant us those things which will bring peace, harmony and strength to our lives. We pray for inner resources of the soul . . that cause our heartst py to bleed in the sight of injustice and suffering of your children, that enable us to love when the world cries hate, that lets us frogive when our whole being cries out for revenge. Give us that which we most need - a Christ-like spirit

We intercede, 0 Lord, for all men in whatever condition they are. We pray for our nation that equality and brotherhood might become real, that our national goals will be in harmony with the character of our Master. Give each of us the will to be Christlike in all of our relationships . . judging our fellows as our master would. Be attentive to the needs and failures and shortcomings of individuals in our fellowship and in our community. Bereavement has come to some this week, perplexities have bothered others, unforiven sin has been the burden of most of us and hopes have been frustrated. minister to us in our need. Be preset also in our joys that we might constantly recognize that joy is from you.

Loook now to each sou 1 gathered here. Assure us of your personal concern. Shed light upon the problems which plague us. make us open and smart enough to follow your guidance, to be receptive your purposes. Eternal God, Lord of our fathers, Master of the present, and our hope for future, unto thee we turn in this sacrament of prayer. Those art great and majestic, all wise and powerful. We sttand before thee in awe and in fear, treambling at the thought of thee . . they who art perfect goodness and love. Yet, thou hast assured us that we may approach thee. that they dost care for each of us. Help us to know thy your concern for each of un individual, amazing and as incredible as it may seem ... Stay the pride which causes us to think that we deserve thy mercies. Rather create in us a humble acknowledgement that it is thee who gives love. not we who merit it.

We intercede the thee, O God, for thys chikdren and thy world. For those who seek to lead mankind, wilt they quide and upbold them and lead them into the ways and the will which thou hast for humankind? For the church which today wrestles with its own meaning and life, and thru which vast waves of discontent are rolling, we pray. For those who are entrusted with the affairs of public office, at whatever level, we ask that thou will forever keep before them the integrity and dedication demanded of public servants For the ill, we beseech thee to sned the touch of thy healing hand and the gift of renewed faith that thy will maight find acceptance, For the sorpowing, will thou grant the presence of Christ who himself hast sorroowed? Tend to the various needs which they dest see among us as we are gathered in this place. Thou knowest what is here . . we do not.

Grant us the courage the place our lives alongside the life of our Lord, to see our frail efforts at loving beside the glorious love of the cross. Enable us to respond to the terrible judgement which thy love andcross places upon. We can hardly bear thy goodness for it makes us see ourselves as we are, we can hardly bear the thought of thy love for reveals in us the shallowness of our love. We ask thee for courage to accpet the forgiveness which thou dost freely offer unto us.

We are grateful to thee for the associations and ties of human friendship and relationships which so enrich life. For Christ who not only makes salvation for the future possible but who can make the present abundant we give thanks. For daily provisions, for numberless little things, for countless larger considerations, we offer the our thanks.

Lead us now to thee. In the name of JC our L. Amen.

Lord God, in our wandering we sometimes feared that we had left you behind, and were on our own. In emptiness we at times have looked forward without hope, and thought that life had lost its meaning. But you are always present, here with us.

In seeking the kingdom, Lord, give us singleminded devotion. . that we may encounter life bravely and receive from it every once of meaning, that we may engage in its conflicts and hang on the our knees buckle to receive and deserve our Lord's new proud name of Christian.

When the Seeming fulility of life depresses us and we feel our oncentity, you have the courtesy to call us by name, and we know that we belong to you. You have given us dignity and nothing ought to daunt our courage. Accept our thanks . Sometimes our integrity is broken, our self-esteem is gone and life beats us down. It is then that we can cry to you and find direction and peace and sanity . . the renewal of our liges.

Help us to trust you enough to above you, to follow you even while faltering, to perist in the face of all that opposes. Bid us come to you, acknowledgeing our lack of faith, knowing that you will strengthen our trust until you can find a rock in us that even the forces of evil cannot move.

Lord God, the story of your love for us makes us realize that there are many others as well as ourselves who stand in neeed of your help and your grace.

So we bring our prayers to you: For those who suffer pain; for those whose minds are disturbed or never matured; for those who have not had opportunity to realize there potentialities! for those who are satisfied with something less than the life for which they were intended; for those who know their shallowness, their need but do not know Jesus; for those who know that they must shortly die; for those who cannot wait to die.

Hear our prayers, and by your grace may we become agents of your transforming love. Thru Christ our Lord. Amen: Our falle wheat a heave, Hillordele thy mand, the hergen come the well be don an earth as it is heaven. Our Lord God, you are the inspiriation to our spirits and you bring light to our minds. You surround us daily with providential care and love and your presence is always with us. You have condescended to reveal yourself to us and we see you

best in Jesus Christ. We now pray to you, you who has amazed us . . for, even the you are other than we by nature, you permit us to know you, relate to you, and receive from you. Truly, we know, when we let ourselves admit it, that you are a majestic and marvelous God. We admit that we have tried to take your place and became our own Masters, but that has always led us to despair and pain. So we turn to you, acknowledging you to be the lord and pledging our allegiance to you.

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We are grateful people. At least we try to believe that you are responsibile for that in our lives which gives them meaning and purpose. For that matter we thank you for life itself. We thank you for those babies of our land which bless our homes with a touch of the divine. We praise you for the little children in our midst which, in their innocence, tho sometimes impishly hidden, show us the spirit by which we can trust you; We thank you for the youth who challenge and correct us, who bring us to the point of despair and who lift us to the heights of pride and joy. We praise you for those who are in the prime of life, whokeep the machinery of society in running order, sometimes it seems as tho it has broken down. And certainly we praise you for those who we call aged, whose wisdom and store of experience immeasurably enriches us all. We thank you for Jesus Christ, the man for all ages, who the he died young, loved and dealt with those of all ages.

Pause now or Lord and listen to our intercessions - not that our prayers are important enough to stop you, but the people are. We pray for those who are bereaved and are lonely; for those who stand in need for those things which would bring fulfillment to body mind and spirit; for those who are loaded down with unforgivene sin which stops them from being the kind of person you what them to be; and for all other needs which are present in our midst and in our world today.

Our most fervent prayer for the day is thanksgiving for the absence of open and armed conflict in the world. We pray for the good sense, the moral strength, and the commitment to peace to keep it that way. Our Father who art in heaven, hellow be the hame, the Kingdon come, the will be due on earth as the m heaven. Give as this day our taily break + tergine as our two preses as we forgive those who thespess against as thed is not into temptation but deliver as from ewil for this is the King, + The power, + the gloty forever Amen Eternal God, we turn now to you in the spirit and attitude of prayer, humbling ourselves before your throne of grace. We praise you, you whose nature is compassion, whose presence brings joy, whose Word is truth and whose spirit is goodness. We praise you, you whose countenance is beauty and in whose knowledge is our hope. We give glory and honor to you.

God of light and truth, in this strangely tangled time when confesed cries sound thru the world, we pray that you will guide us and your church thru it all. But more than that, give us prophetic vision lest we lose our way and stumble. Make us acutely mware of our calling as your diciples, and may we accept the burden of offering to the crying world the word of truth, the gospel of grace, which we believe to be our hope and the world's hope as well.

Speak to your people, 0 God endow them with insight, and with compassion, and with courage. Give us men and women and youth who share Christ's vision of eternal values and are not afraid of following the highest that they know. Give us shame when we stilled for second best, and theregret of a false peace bought at the price of timidity. Let your grace work its liberating miracle amoung us that we might be positive witnesss to that miralce and that reality. As your people may we be lights to mens paths, with the manner of love and patience crowning our ways.

Make us people who know from whence their blessings come . . out of your hand and your power. Make us grateful for life and its opportunities, for peace and its sustaining power, for love and its ability to conquer, for hope and its way of leading us into tomorrow with certainty, for faith and its power to give our lives meaning and purpose, and for Christ and his presence assuring us that we do not walk thru life alone. Mkae of us thankful people/

We prays Lord, for the varuous and sundry ways that churches and Christians are seeking to serve you thru the program called KEY 73. We ask your blessings upon our church's endeavor and ask to you guide the members of our planning committee. But not alone for ourselves do we pray, but for others too. Hear us as we lift in our hearts and minds those people and situations where there exists need for your touch.

our Father, who ert in heaven hallowed be Thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven five us this thy our daily bred. And forgive us our triespasses 25 we forgo those who trespass against us. And lead as not into temptation but Beliver as from ever for thing is the tation but the process the glory forever. Amen. Lord, we are somewhat familiar with what you said to the Jews and the early Christian. But now we want to talk with you about our hopes and fears, and about the church and the world in our time.

We thnik of the church as your people, a foretaste at least of new creation. Some part of your purpose must have been realized in the church. Sometimes the lives of Christians does put the world to shame, sometimes the lives of churchman have put the church to shame. Sometimes we do such a poor job in procaliming the gospel that people justifiably have escuse. We ought not be too surprised when they do not easily find Christ in the church. How can we put this right. How can our lives be released thru the Christian community and transform its worship and eervice.

Few of us are people with great influence and responsibility, and we wonder that our prayers can effect the course of the world's life. Still we can't believe that war and tyranny, famine and sickness are the conditions under which you want men to live. But many have prayed for peace, and war has not been averted. Famine is still normal for most people, sickness still takes its toll. We believe that these and others are evils to be fought, and yet mankind apparently is not equipped to fight them and win. We need the love which only you can giv give, live which is prepared for great sacrifice, creative thought and untiring patience. Meanwhile we ask you to give us strength, and strength to those who suffer from such evils, and to make us alert to ways of making it easier for them.

Lord, you sometimes astonish us by granting requests which are only half formed, by enriching our experience in unexpected ways, and by reminding us of things we had overlooked.

However you answer the prayers we utter may the outcome be that we love you more, understand your purpose better and believe in you with greater confidence.

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