

Lord God, eternal Creator, loving Father we lift our prayers to you with praise in our hearts and humility in our spirits. We are humble because we know that you are above us, holy, and incomprehensible save as you have shown yourself to us in Jesus Christ and in those special moments of insight when we capture an inspiration, think a new thought, behold your beauty, and when we sense who we really are. We praise you for you are a great god and have made yourself approachable even when we are not worthy. We praise you for you have shown us that we are indeed of infinite worth.

We want to thank you, Father. You have dealt so generously with us, you have gone the second mile in loving us, you have died for us, you have surrounded us with beauty and with companionship, with love and with opportunity. You have graciously provided us with all that is needed for life...our food and shelter, our minds and our strengths. Save us from continued denial of the realm of the spirit...wherein the abundant life which our Lord talked about is to be found. Yea, even the animals and the plants are clothed and fed, are we not much more than they? Let us search for the depth to life, then we shall find its glory. We thank you for all that life is, for all that enriches it, and for all its possibilities.

As we search for ourselves and our place in your plan, may we do so knowing that your love for us is unremitting and endless? Teach us that the only greatness which is worth striving for is that greatness which you honor...the service of others and of the Christ. But that we will find hard for us to accept for we so much crave the approval of the world by its standards.

Now Lord we pray for the elderly among us that their days may be full and bright; we pray for the youth that their days may be filled with meaningful activity and a growing awareness of your claim on their lives; we pray for the children that their days may be happy and that they may learn of you. We pray for those in between that their energies may not flag and that their priorities may be kept aright. R PTHR WO RT N HVN HLLD B THYNM, THY KNGDM COM THYWLL B DUN ON ERH AS IT IS N HVN GV US THIS DAY R DAILY BRD & frgv us r trs as we frg ths who trsp agst us & led us not n2 tmpt but dlvr us evl 4 thn is hte kgdm & the nwr & the glory forever amen

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Eternal God, your name is to be honored and praised thruout the created order, especially in the household of Christ's people. As we come before you in prayer let our prostration of our spirits before your throne be to you a sign of our adoration and praise. In a world filled to overflowing with the profane and the evil, let us in these moments sense and touch the divine and be lifted from the shadows which overwhlem our souls and hinder our spirits. And as we thus are touched by your holiness may we be purified and made whole and recommitted as your people and servants.

We are a grateful people, O God. Thankful to you for innumerable blessings and goodnesses. We thank you for coming to us and supporting us, especially to those who have special needs - the loss of a loved one, the loss of direction in life, the inability to make decisions; we thank you for hearing our prayers and letting your power and direction flow into our esperiences; we thank you for the blessings of home and friend; for the enrichment of material things, for the nourishment which our soul receive from your loving hand, the Bible and the caring hands of others. We praise you for the order and intricacy of the universe, a universe which is able to supply our every physical need. And we thank you for Jesus Christ.

May we be ever alert to opportunities which come to us, may we be supportive and helpful to others, may we be guided in making decisions, let us constant in our prayers, and mindful of our friends. And may we respect and conserve the created order realizing that we are but pilgrims and tenants. And may we open ourselves so that your grace and love can come to us more fully thru Jesus Chrst.

We pray for those ~~your~~ whose public spiritness has led them to seek elected office in the days ahead. Be with them, and may they permit themselves to be used to further your way among us, in our nation, and in our world.

Take now our lives and use them for the advancement of your kingdom.

Listen now to the yearning and prayers of your people here gat-ered.

Eternal God, we have come to be with you for a while and to fellowship with others who are seeking you. We have sensed your nearness and know that you are present thru your Spirit. So we, in trust, open our hearts and spirits in prayer and supplication. We do so with humility, for we know that it is by your grace that we are allowed even to come to you. We marvel at your goodness and holiness, we are amazed at your love and mercy, and we are blessed by your gifts and your care. Accept our praise.

Our hearts bow gratefully before you when we consider the magnitude of your blessings. With thankful spirits we acknowledge your love so graciously and abundantly revealed in our family, our friends, and those who love us. Thank you for permitting us to discover something ~~of~~ your love as we receive and give love to another and to others. Your care is lovingly revealed in the world around around us - in its beauty, its order, and its dependability - and we thank you for that. Your concern is shown us in the daily and regular provision you make for our needs and we praise you for that. Your faith in us is demonstrated by the minds you have given us and the wills which you have placed restlessly within our breasts, and we are grateful for that. But the gift of Jesus Christ - his matchless purity, his example of sacrifice and courage, his living and dying and rising - far excels any other gift and we are thankful. Help us to respond to your goodness by offering a bit more our being to you.

Take from each of here gathered some more of our lives. Take that which we have been withholding and use it for your glory. Take our will and refine them, take our energies and redirect them, take our values and alter them, take our time and make it hallowed. Take us wholly and make us whole.

Now Lord God we wait in silent intercession. Hear our prayers as we list our concerns in the quietness of our own hearts.

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Eternal God, you are present with us in all of our doings, even when we would rather not have you with us, take the shadows from our spirits that we may behold you in all your glory and majesty. In the presence of your perfectness let us draw our imperfectness near that we might worship and praise you. Take from us our reluctance to let your Spirit permeate our being, and receiving us into your love.

Help us to remove those barriers in our lives which prevent your entrance with your healing and restoring grace. Give us courage to be rid of the shoddy and the second rate, to banish every degrading influence. Help us to make room for the quiet and beauty of your presence. You have reminded us that in quietness and in confidence you will come to us. You have told us that you come often as a still small voice. May we be ready to hear. Let us be still and know that you are God, let us often go into the silence of prayer and listen for your words. Keep strong our faith, indeed, deepen our trust as you communicate to us.

Thank you, Lord God of love and mercy, for your blessings. We are aware of those regular gifts which so sustain and keep us and we thank you for them . . . daily provisions, loving environment, intelligence, and energy. We thank you for those special blessings when we have received added courage, a peaceful spirit when all around us was unsettled, the healings of body and mind which have blessed our lives. Thank you, Lord, and let our thanksgiving issue in deeds of love and service for your sake.

Direct the leaders of this and all nations that your way of peace and justice may come to pass...and that the world may be spared of the holocaust of hate, war, and destruction.

Awaken in us all a desire to visit the lonely, cheer the depressed, feed the hungry, and relieve the sick. We ask for your healing hand of mercy to be upon each of us. Without you our anxieties, our bereavements, our temptations, our uncertainties bloom into despair and defeat. With you, no matter what dangers attack us, what burdens we take, and what problems come to us..they all burst forth into victory, joy, and new life. Bless each one according to the deepest needs of his spirit.

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Our Father, you have promised to renew the strength and spirit of those who wait upon you in worship. Visit us, we pray with your healing and directing presence.

We thank you for all you have given in Jesus Christ; for hidden blessings which in our haste and selfishness we may have overlooked; for heritage and hope, direction and support, love and loyalty, and all that you have yet to give. Make of us grateful people willing to respond to your love by loving others and you.

We have come to you this morning from different backgrounds, and having had different experiences. But we share a common need for the renewal of our lives, a chance to begin again, a faith for this day and a hope for the days to come. Grant us what we need that we might be able to minister to others, and thus bear one another's burdens.

There is so much that we want to bring to you this morning. You have heard our requests, be they spoken or unspoken, and in faith we know that you will respond to them. But there is much more which needs your touch.... there are those in fearfully and anxiously face the uncertain future, there are many whose health is a question mark, others whose life seems pointless and shallow, others will be leaving home for the first time in a few days -- grant your love to all. Help us to know that when we realize that you love us, then all other things can be borne.

Come and guide the affairs of men and nations. Influence the leaders of men. Come and bless the church. Forgive her inadequacies and revitalize her with a visitation of your spirit. Help the church to truly be the body of our Lord Jesus Christ. And may we who are members be disciples as well.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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