

Eternal God, you are beyond us in place and station, whose thoughts are not our thoughts and whose ways are not our ways; hear our prayer as we pray for your world, confess our lack of charity for our neighbor, seek daily sustenance of the soul, and ask for the direction of your will in the particular places where you have set us.

We give thanks to you for the day you have given us. We are fed by yesterday's hopes and have a part in tomorrow's dreams. We thank you for the holy ground on which we stand and though we rarely see burning bushes there are many burning and needful places where you would have us labor and serve. Thank you for the opportunities of sharing your grace and imparting to others your love. We praise you that we are part of the world still to be created.

As we recognize today one of our own friends whose long life of service stands as an exciting example for us all, we give thanks to you for him; but not for him only but also for all those of the faith whose lives call us to a higher level of Christlikeness.

O God, whom our fathers trusted and were not let down, in the midst of glib and decaying substitutes for your grace we find ourselves wanting and still needing. Be real to us and to the whole church.

Our prayers are lifted for all who suffer this day in pain of body or anguish of mind. May some bright ray of comfort shine thru to them. As we intercede for the world and its people, for particular situations and persons, may the answer to prayer begin with ourselves as we forget our petty cares and reach out to those whose cares are overwhelming, who need a friend, or a word for tomorrow, and a hope for the days ahead.

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

Almighty God, who searches the hearts of you people and purifies their motives, help us to know ourselves as we are, to understand ourselves as you understand us. As we now unite our spirits in corporate prayer, let us know something of your holiness, something of your beauty, and something of your greatness. In doing so help us to get our relationship to you in perspective so that we see ourselves as your children, created and given life because of your love wisdom.

You have wonderfully made us, and more wonderfully redeemed us, and we are thankful. We praise you for the wonder of your love, the beauty of this day, and the joy of fellowship; for the life you have given us, for its opportunities, and for all the earthly blessing, we thank you. For the example of those who have gone before, who tended us and guided us, we praise you. We are thankful for the mercy as declared in Jesus Christ, for the record of his life, for the meaning of his suffering and death, and for the eternal light and hope which broke forth in his resurrection...even now shining forth into the dark places of our world and our existence.

Put love into our hearts, so that we may love others as you love them. Let us always be ready to help and quick to forgive, that all people will know that we are your disciples because we love one another.

In love, we now pray for those who are in special need. Come near, O God, to those who are stressed for whatever reason.. ..grant them insight into life's meaning and its possibilities Support with your mighty hand the efforts of those who are waging battle against temptation; those who are anxious about loved ones and friend; those who are afraid especially since faith can banish fear; and those for whom life has caved in. Steady those who have been grated joy and success that they may know the source of their good fortune. Bring before us a picture of all who are sick and hungry whom we may help by translating some of our prayers into food and shelter, clothing and medicine. Grant especial courage to those who are anxious about the health of loved ones. Take them by the hand and lead them., 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

Almighty God, in whose love and care the whole created order has been placed, we your people now offer you our prayers. We acknowledge you to be the Lord and seek to worship you as you deserve. Some of us have felt your guiding hand and presence and have been lifted from despair and meaninglessness. Some have sensed your power and have been lifted by it. Some have caught a vision and been placed on a higher level.

We are thankful that you have seen fit to be with us this Morning and we are grateful for what you are doing - moving in our hearts, renewing our spirits, and reopening claims and callings which we have attempted to close. It is not without some fear that we offer ourselves to you this morning. We don't know the full implications of commitment, yet we are willing to trust the future to you and the risk the adventure of being your people in it. Probably everything will not go our way when we make that commitment, but our way hasn't been particularly fulfilling. In yielding to you we may find the abundant life. Give us the strength to try.

We lift to you our concern about many things, and we bring them to you in prayer. Will you guide and bless the members of the senior class who are being a new phase of the life you have committed to them? Shed your light and grace on other of our concerns. We think of the shattered and fragmented world of hunger, pain, class and disease. We think of those who experience life only as a bore or a charade. We are mindful of those who have great sorrow, because of death or illness or disappointment; of those who seem to have no reason for being; of those who are tied with sin and prevented from being truly free; of the wounded and the ill, the tempted and the undecided. We intercede, O God, and if it be your will let us each be a channel of your grace and love.

Lord, help us to be active disciples rather than only verbal supporters of your way. May our long time commitments now be used to revitalize our discipleship. And may there be new

and deeper commitment among this body of your people.

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Eternal God, who causes the seasons to come and go, and who makes the fruits of the earth to minister to the needs of man, we are thankful that you have brought us again to the time of harvest, and that, according to your promise, seedtime and harvest have not failed. We offer you our thanksgiving and pray that you will feed our souls on the bread of life

Lord God, who from the beginning of our lives, has touched us, chastened us, and lifted us, grant that our prayers and supplications may be acceptable to you. You are the provider, we are the receivers; you are the Father, we are the children; you open your hand and we are fed; you close your hand and we are in want. Have mercy on us according to your love and compassion.

It is with thanksgiving we recollect the happy hours when friendships made offerings of love and brought satisfactions to our hearts; when music, and art, and beauty moved our ~~hearts~~^{beings}; when memory moved our spirits and severed cords of love were momentarily restored; and when the call to duty and work engaged our wills.

It is with thanksgiving we remember the days of sorrow and the comfort given; the days of pain and the grace received; the days of loss and disappointment and your constant care and presence.

It is with joyous ~~happy~~ hearts that we recall the mystic moments when nature enfolded us; from gardens and bird songs, from brooks and placid pools, from meadows and flowers, from high mountains and snow; and when we have felt upon our brows the breath of your benediction.

In gratitude we rejoice in your faithfulness. For sins forgiven, the the body's healing, for the hope of eternity, for the certainty that dreams do come true, for tender love and care given us. We praise you for Jesus Christ. We know that we can only bow with Paul and say "Thanks be to Thee for this inexpressible gift". Accept our thanksgiving, and give us the will to accept your will for our lives.

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spirit of God, who as Paraclete descended with power upon Christ's disciples and sent them out to preach the gospel and to found the Church, inspire us to sustain and enlarge what they started. Mean to us what you meant to them. Enrich our spirits that we may see you as Almighty Creator, Redeeming Son and Indwelling Comforter.

Lord God, we need your help. We did not create ourselves, so we cannot care for ourselves amid life's strains and stresses. Here we lay aside our pride and acknowledge that we need you. We need light enough to walk thru dark days, inner strength to carry heavy burdens, courage to undertake worthwhile deeds, hope and patience to wait and work faithfully for the fulfillment of dreams and yearnings. Make us more than ourselves.

Baptize us with the grace of appreciation. Forgive us when we miss opportunities to be glad and grateful. Open our hearts to the happiness of simple things, to mirth that has no bitter springs, and to fun that has no sad aftermath.

We thank you for the heritage we have in Christ, and the great tradition of this Church. Make us worthy of such an inheritance. We pray for another Pentecost, the outpouring of your Spirit on the Church. For still most of the peoples of the earth wander like lost sheep. Still earthly riches leave more people destitute of spirit; and often by the very things their minds invent their souls are wounded and hopes are threatened. Still tyranny oppresses millions, and human liberty is in short supply. The hopes of the young are trampled and the things of Christ are crushed. O God, awaken the Church.

Save us from timidity as we face the world. Let us not be reluctant to speak a word of hope, to stand for the right, and to die for the truth. You have done us a high honor by calling us to you, to the privilege of finishing the work of creation with you. Give us wisdom and strength that we may work while it is yet day, ere the night comes and we can work no more.

We implore, Lord God of Love, for all conditions of men. There are the homeless, the hungry, the anxious, the worried, the fearful, the afraid, the ill and the bereaved. Now, as we each call to mind and to heart those people and situations with which we are greatly concerned... Listen to us in this silent moment. 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 FOR EVER.

Almighty God, who has created the far reaches of the univers placed the stars in their paths, painted the earth with beauty and crowned your creative acts by making human beings we bow now in prayer, hoping that something of your love, something of your power, something of your goodness will touch us, lift us, and remake us. Draw us near to you, so that we mayfully acknowledge you as Lord and Savior. Open our ears that we might hear you, open our wills that we might receive your will.

We are thankful people...thankful that, in Christ, you have made us children. Thankful that thru your grace we are receipients of all that enriches life . . home, friends, loved ones, minds, beauty, joy . . yea, even pain and sorrow for you have reminded us that "all things can work for good with those who love you, who arecalled according to your purposes". For the Christ, and the inexplicable love you have shown thru him, we praise and laud you.

Help us, O God, to be willing to seek more fervently after yourkingdom, to lay aside all that hinders us, to drop from our value system those things which have little import,,, and apply ourselves fully to receiving the kingdom and the fullness of your presence and love. Then perhaps we shall know hhefulness of your peace, of your grace, or your power, Help us to know that no partial commitment will do, indeed open our minds and spirits so that we shall see our half commitments. Empower us to more more fully into your kingdom.

Hear us now as we offer our cares and concerns to you in these moments of intercession. We bring to you our friends who are bereaved, the ones who are gearring secret sin, those who must make decisions, the ones who are lonely and distressed, those who are hungry of body and or spirit, and many more which we care about as we note them beofre you in a quiet moment...

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Almighty God, you have called us to acknowledge gratefully all the blessings of life, but we thank you most of all for the one who has made all blessings possible, namely yourself and your marvelous work in Jesus Christ our Lord. For your creative power and your transforming love and the freedom in Jesus Christ we thank you.

Help us to lift our hearts and minds above the false show of things, above fear and melancholy, above laxiness and despair, above selfishness and greed, above custom and fashion. Lift us to the truth and beauty that you are, so that we may live joyfully and in freedom as followers of Jesus Christ.

O God of love, we give thanks for whatever you have given us to enjoy: for health and strength, or for grace to live with imperfect health; for the love and care of our family, for the joys of friendship, the healing of humor and laughter, the lifting power of music and all arts, and for every gift of renewal. We praise you for all great men and women and for little children who have helped us on our way; for every insight into truth and for the learning power of hindsight; for the glimpses of the reality of the world around us; for the challenge of problems and stress; as well as for opportunities to help others and for the willingness to be aided by them.

We thank you for the church which outwardly seems so out of it, and is beset with apathy, threatened with failure and misdirected by false motives. But we render our thanks for it because of the faithful people in every land who labor in faith for a better life for all, and to open up ways in which your love can flow into human life. We thank you especially for the community of Christian concern of which we are a part. We thank you for the nation which we are citizens of, for all that is just and noble and true and right in our history and our present. And we pray that in these days when doubt and gloom and violence has been done to our system that we each will rededicate ourselves to national principles and will labor diligently to bring our nation back from the brink. And we thank you for Jesus Christ, his work and way making clear to us your love.

How freely we have received, O God, let us freely give of ourselves in your service.

Our Fthr, who art in hven, Hllwd B Thy name, Thy Kngdm come, Thy will B done on earth as it is in hezven. Give us this day R daily Brd. And frgv us R Trspass as we ggive those who trspass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but Deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, + The power, + The ~~g~~ glory forever. Amen.

Eternal God who hast caused the holy scriptures to be written for our learning . . . grant that we may so hear them, read, mark learn and inwardly digest them so that we may be confirmed in penitence, lifted to hope, made strong for service, and be filled with the true knowledge of you and of Jesus Christ. We thank you for the Bible and all that it has meant to us, and all that it has meant to mankind/ And we pray that we who follow your son Jesus Christ will use the word aright as a guide to our lives, as a light to our ways, and as an instrument of your grace making us over in our Lord image.

We thank you for home and childhood; for the bonds of friendship and the ties of community. We thank you for unexpected and undeserved acts of kindness; and for every sign of hope that your design for a peaceful and humane world shall be realized. We praise you for your greatest deed of all, wrought in Jesus Christ, who by his humble coming, his gracious life, his cruel death and his glorious resurrection has given us the confidence that you love us and will love us forever.

O God, we pray for the broken church and pray that a new advent of his spirit will not only heal our personal brokenness but our corporate division as well. Support our nation in these days. Keep our government officials teachable, brave and obedient to your spirits leading. Turn all peoples from selfishness to magnanimity. O Lord, you prepared the way for the coming of the Messiah by sending messengers before him, help us to be your messengers in this modern world, preparing it for a new visitation of your spirit in our world.

O God, whose mercy is unfailing, we bring to you now those who are in particular need of healing and help, those who are so lonely that they don't know what to do, those who are so sad that they can hardly go on, those who are such pain that they are afraid of the night, those who are so worried that sleep does not come. Fulfill the needs of each of your children

Almighty God, who has placed music at the soul of all that you have created, we draw apart for this time of worship and celebration. We ask for a new sense of your presence as we praise you with music. May we be alert to your movement among, sensitive to the yearnings of those around us, and willing to risk our lives in your hands. Come and abide with us for this time. Thru Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sieltn Prayer

O Lord God hear our prayers, the petitions and the concerns we have brought to you in these silent moments. We recognize you as the creator of the farthest reaches of the universe, the Lord of the intricacies of nature, and yet we know you to be one who cares about us individually. In trust, then, we pray that you will heed us when we lay before you our deep concerns.

We confess you to be the source of our life and we praise and thank you for it. Help us be aware that it is you who gives meaning to life, who daily sustains it, and who redeems it when sin and pain come. Grant us a new vision of yourself so that in seeing you we might get ourselves into focus.

We thank you for the harmony which keeps your creation working and in balance for our benefit; for the rhythm which enables us to plan and to trust; for the varied melodies individuals play thus bringing richness and depth to our lives. We thank you for the notes of pain and suffering that sometimes come to us, we know that they are not without meaning; we thank you when disharmony invades our experience, for then we know that we need to get right with ourselves, with others, and with you. We are thankful people. . help us to act thankful.

Listen now to our intercessions. Grant peace to the anxious and fretful; give courage to the faint-hearted; direction to the lost; comfort to the sorrowing and the bereaved. Come to us when our pride seeks to wreck, when our success leads us to arrogance, when our richness causes us to be uncharitable, when our joy occasions us to steal someones dignity.

Draw us to Christ, so that he can enter our lives and make us new creatures in him, unashamed and fearless in doing his bidding.

Dear God, eternal in the heavens, and everlasting within the present, we come to today with boldness knowing that we have a great high priest, Jesus Christ who has already interceded on our behalf. So we come confidently, believing that you hear us and in the assurance that you care. We praise you, we acknowledge you to be the Lord. And we recognize that we are your children, created in your image. Help us to fulfill our special place as children, help us to depend on you, help us to cease our vain efforts to master and order our own destinies.

We are grateful people, tho at times we let our arrogance and greed blot out your grace and gifts. We are thankful for the Christ who sits at your right hand and counsels with you about us. That gift, the gift of your son, is incomprehensible. Thank you for Christ. And you have enriched our lives physically and spiritually. You have blessed us with material plenty, yea much more than your children around the globe have. You have provided us with loved ones and friends, with minds and with feelings, with energy and with courage. You even use the rough and difficult places of life as avenues of your grace. Thank you, gracious God. Lead us to act out our thanksgiving in acts of service and love.

May your voice be heard this morning. May you lead some to respond and seek a fuller life commitment to you. If you should touch someone on the heart today give them the courage to respond with a willing spirit. Give us good work to do. Help each of us who are members or friends of this congregation be sensitive to our church's need for leadership, for prayers, and for seekers.

Hear now our intercessions. We know that some of our friends are hurting because of death, or disappointment, or some crushing circumstance. We pray to you, O God, for them. We know too that some are rejoicing over victories won, or some special blessings. We pray for them and praise you for your goodness. Listen as we lift our president, our governor, our mayor, our bishop, and our district superintendent to you. Touch them and use them for the greater benefit of all your children.

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Lord, and Father, into these moments of worship we have come, we have come with little to commend ourselves. Yet we come confidently because you have invited us. So we now pray in the faith that you hear and in the belief that you can and will act in our midst. May the eternal hand of your care and love be placed upon the fleeting experiences we have and endow those experiences with lasting meaning; and may your eternal spirit brush against the temporariness of our existence assuring us that we were made for an eternity with you.

Help us during Lent to use these days as times of penance and preparation. As we remember our Lord's suffering and passion, may we enter into his life and be made new by repentance and commitment. Let us prepare our hearts and spirits during this time so that when the resurrection comes, it shall come to us in vital and wonderful ways. Help us be ready lest we miss your power to raise us to new life.

Thank you, God of mercy, for your gifts. We are grateful for the material blessings which enrich our lives..but make us wary lest our riches deceive us. For all that is cold and meaningless without the warmth of your love and the love of others. But you have come to us and we thank you for your presence. For the love you have shown in Christ, for the power you make available in his resurrection for the power to love, to enjoy, to laugh, for the power to rise above the world of things and see the glow you have left in your pure light. Let us always be thankful, above all else, O God, for you.

Lead us to be adventurers, stepping out and risking for your sake. May we know that we are secure in your love; let us risk in striving for your kingdom.

Lord, we commend to you those who are isolated from rich relationships. We pray for those who, trying to keep themselves safe, have been condemned to private prisons. We pray for those who are in the agony of unrelatedness, of pain, of anxiety, of indecision, of guilt, of illness. As we meet them may we as your agents intrude on their private existence with your word of healing and love and comfort. 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*

Almighty God in these sacred and quiet moments of prayer come to us and speak to us, come to us and challenge us, come to us and remind us that we are your creatures remade as your children by the power of your spirit, come to us and call us away from the sham loyalties which keep us from coming to you, come to us with your mighty power and alter us, come with the warmth of your love and save us.

O Lord, our Father, we are thankful to you. For the gift of life and the resources to live it abundantly, for the grace of your presence and the awareness of it, for the providence which blesses us with material plenty and the freedom to misuse your gifts, for the loving environment of family and friends and church and the joy which they bring to us, for the gift of the brightness of the young among us and the wisdom and skill of the aged, for the ability to love and the need to be loved, for the community of Christian people who support us and for the Christ through whose love we are redeemed. For all that and much more we rejoice and give thanks.

Lord God, may we learn well the lesson of being with you. We often feel so helpless...like motherless children; may we come to know the power which is ours because we are children of a loving father. Let us not stray from he who is the vine, the very source of our energy and our life. Let us turn to Jesus Christ and consult him as to the direction we ought to go, the decisions we have to make, and the sins which drag us down.

We pray for the needs which are in midst as a church, as a nation and as a world. Look with love upon this world's leaders and lead them through the mazes of decisions they must make. Bless the officials of our nation, and state, and city. Surely you can use them to advance your kingdom. We pray also for those whom we know to be in need. For our friends who are bereaved, for those whose success have made them happy, for those who are ill, for those who have had great joy come to them, we pray. And there are in our hearts and minds many cares and concerns. Hear about them now O God as we wait in silence.

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, & forgive us our trespasss as we forgive those who trespass against us & lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine

Eternal God, today we have come from the routines of our lives, to spend this time in worship and praise. God of all power, who have created the far flung galaxies, you cause the seasons to come and go, you ~~fix~~ placed the stars in their orbits, yet we know you to be a God who cares for each of us. You've shown that in Jesus Christ. So we stand amazed, and in awe, as we praise and glorify your name.

We offer to you our sacrifice of gratitude and thanksgiving. We often want to receive credit, but we know that who we are, what we are, what we have, and what we can become is in your hands, and emanates from your loving heart. How you have blessed us with friends and family; with material plenty and spiritual yearnings; with meaningful activities of work and leisure; with compassion and strength; and with the need for fellowship with others and with you. We thank you for Jesus Christ...that your love found such glorious fulfillment in for our sakes. We praise you that thru him we can have eternal fellowship with you. Will you guide us in transforming our gratitude from mere words into loving deeds for you and for others?

Receive from us our deeper commitments. We here offer to let you be Lord of our lives. We here offer you the reins of our lives in the confident trust that you will lead us to peace, to joy, to fulfillment and to that abundance our Lord promised.

Listen now, loving Lord, to our intercessions. For those who bear the heavy burdens of bereavement and sorrow, for those who seek to carry alone the ~~heavy~~ crushing loads of guilt and regret we pray. For those who labor for you and faithfully lift up your name to others we ask for strength for them. For those who are caught in the dark valley of indecision; or riding the giddy heights of superficial living we offer our intercession. Whatever needs we know of, whatever situation in which we want your touch...we now lift that to you in these moments of silent prayer

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Our Father and our God, from whom come all good things in us and in nature, we sensitively open our spirits to all that is holy, truthful, ~~and~~ beautiful, add honest. In this arean of prayer we want to more intimately find you and to have you find us.

As the world is reborn each day, grant that we may be born again in the world of the spirit. As the warmth of summer and fall leaves and the chill of the fall and wintertime come, allow the sunshine of your love and spirit to brighten and warm our spirits. May the warm rays of the holy spirit refresh ^{us} and cleanse the accumulation of fear and hostility from our lives and allow us to be free as the wind.

We give you thanks for the meaningful things of life for the feeling of a friends hand upon our shoulder in the time of need; for the laughter of a little child when we are anxious about human things; for the love which ~~keeping~~ breaking into our lives thru the thought and generous deeds of others. All of this, and ~~more~~ ^{much} more, we see, O God, as evidences of your spirit finding expression in our lives. And we are thankful.

For the needs represented by this band of worshipers today, we now prayer. We're all fighting some kind of battle; we are all straining under some kind of burdens; some have heavy crosses, and others are carrying someone elses. There are lessons in our loads and blessings in our burdens. May we see them, and see you as we receive grace to withstand and become more than conquerors. Hlep us to see thru the cloud of self-pity, bitterness and despair. Remind us that we grow best in our dark times.

O God, in whose presence every heart is inspired, every conscience sharpened, every soul made sensitive: meet our needs in this hour. Answer every longing we have; in our perplexities of thought give us guidance; in danger of temptation grant us protection; and in our sorrows give us peace. Listen now to our unspoken prayers.....OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN HALLOWEDBE THY NAME THY KINGDOM COME THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN GIVE US THS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGSINST 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 God, creator of the universe, maker of the human soul, and sustainer of that which you have fashioned we come now into this season of prayer with minds and spirits weak and cluttered from the cares and concerns of the life you have given. But we come with praise and gratitude in our hearts, even while we recognize that we are unworthy of your love and concern. But thank be to you for Jesus Christ, how he has opened the door to your presence and cleared the path to your throne; how he has shown us your love and has revealed to us your forgiveness. Humble us, take away our pride, and show how dependent we are on you...and let us hope for more abundance as we are led to more and more depend on you.

Our Father, we are often impeded in our desire to serve you and other by our lack of dedication, by the up and down movement of our dispositions, and the rebuffs which we sometimes encounter. We suffer perhaps from the lack of courage, and often let the forces around us determine our action. So we need your help in being the kind of persons we, in our best moments, know you want us to be. Guard us against the devastating effects of our low moods and those times when our spirits are depressed. Let us be buoyed by the your spirit, lifted by your love, and endowed with confidence by your active Word.

Take our lives and use them for your glory. May we come to know the importance of our individual contributions to the your kingdom, and the healing and redemptive work of your way. Help us to do that which we can do..leaving the fruit of our labors to your descretion.

In faith, we raise into your presence those among us who are afflicted. Heal them. We lift to you these whose courage has flagged. Empower them. We call your attention to anxious. Assure them. Whatever the needs, whatever the joys present among us today, and with our firends and loved ones..we lift them all to you. Now for a silent moment we offer our personal thanksgiving and intercessions.. OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN HALLOWED BE THY NAME THEY 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 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 Lord, who gives your Spirit to them who ask, give us that Spirit now as we continue in this fellowship of your people, this fellowship of redeeming love. Grant us a vision of your glory, a vision of what life can be like, and an appreciation for the life you have given.

Let us, during these days of Lent, recall that our Lord steadfastly set his face to Jerusalem to do your will. May we be able to have some of his deep commitment and his resolute will as we try to be disciples today. We remember with thanksgiving and wonder how he unswervingly followed the path of obedience..even to death. We recall how he sought to win those who hated him, those who shouted for his blood. Let these days of Lent be days in which our spirits are renewed, and when our lives take on deeper dimensions of meaning and love.

We praise you for the way you are available in days of gloom and times of distress. We thank you for the mercies and joys which have come to us thru family and friends; and for the ability to exert energy and to create; and for the insights to appreciate and the joy of being appreciated.

We pray that this fellowship may be one which heals the hurt in the spirits and minds of those present. Comfort every bereaved and lonely soul. Grant to the members of this company gracious answers to their prayers, spoken or unspoken; and grant them fulfillment of their hopes and dreams. We pray especially for the members of the confirmation class as they take the important step of becoming members of your church. May their faith never falter and may they always be a credit to you and your kingdom. We pray for all conditions of men..for the hungry and oppressed; the fearful and the pained; the happy and the blessed; the anxious and the indecisive; the rich and those who are content; those who lead and those who follow. Work upon the hearts and spirits of the empty until they find fulfillment in Jesus Christ.

Now gracious Lord give us each something specific to do for you...helping a neighbor, overcoming a temptation, something which we can succeed in doing. Save us from too big a commitment lest in failing we despair. So bless our days this week. 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.

Living Lord, Risen Christ, Everlasting God we've come today because we are needy, because are we weakened from the labors of the week and we are burdened by so much garbage which has cluttered our spirits . . . which we have permitted to come and affect our lives. Tell us that Christ is alive and we need not go it alone . . . that he is with us to fill our needs, to strengthen us for our journey thru life, and to free us from all that binds our minds, our hearts, and our spirits.

In these moments of prayer, we open ourselves to the free spirit alive in our midst, hoping that it will touch us and make us whole. Let us not be afraid to trust, so attached to what we think is important that we cannot trust you, you who are eternal. Let us not be afraid to risk saying "yes" to your call..forsaking and sacrificing, in the trust that the rewards of serving you are greater than we can ever imagine.. and more precious by far than that to which we so cling today. So, God, let that spirit, your holy spirit, move in our midst today . . . claiming us, convicting us, directing us. using us.

How often we are hindered by doubt and disillusionment. Help us thru those times, and yet teach us that honest doubt signals a strong faith. Look to our needs when we are crushed when someone betrays us, when we betray someone else, and when, in our lack of understanding, we think you have gone back on us.

We are grateful people, but not grateful enough . . . lest in our gratitude our energies and time, our talent and skill would be wholly yours. Help our ingratitude, and may our words of thanksgiving and our songs of praise be turned into deeds of mercy and acts of goodwill.

Listen now, gentle Lord, to our intercessions. There are those who are ill, and disheartened; there are those who are poor, and despairing; there are those who are rich and are filled with pride; there are those who do not know which way to turn and those who have no one to turn to;

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Eternal God, hear the unspoken prayers of our hearts and the yearning of our spirits and be attentive to the concerns and thanksgiving which we have just expressed to you. We know you to be a glorious God, powerful and loving. You have given us life, you sustain our lives, and you renew them at the end of our pilgrimage. We praise you and magnify your name.

We come to you this morning with thanksgiving and gratitude in our hearts. We praise you for your goodness and your love so wonderfully shown in Jesus Christ our Lord...in his life and teaching, in his death and resurrection. We thank you for your greatest gift, and we praise you for your lesser gifts . . . friends and family to enrich our lives, physical resource to sustain it, pain and stress to make us appreciate the joy and peace, work to do and the skill and energy to do it, the capacity to love and be loved, the ability to care and the strength to serve . . . for all of these things and more, accept our gratitude.

We are thankful to you for the freedom we can have in Jesus Christ. And we pray that you will remove sham and deceit from us, and that we will trust others to be at least as sensitive as we are. Help us to grasp again what we are here for, who we are, and how we were fashioned by your love and spirit. Give us the will to strive for fulfillment, the fulfillment which comes in knowing that we are your children . . . and that we were meant for fellowship with you.

We bear intercessory prayers today for the sick and the well, for the hungry and the overly fed, for the despairing and those who rejoice, for those who cry and for those too calloused to cry, for those who feel that they have failed and for those who feel that they have succeeded, for the sinful and for those too good to sin. Answer our prayers for other, even if you have to recruit us to help in answering.

Now Our Father lay claim upon someone here today, that he may hear a clear call from you and respond to the challenge of deeper commitment to you and a life centered around Jesus Christ, in whose abne we prayer. Amen.

Eternal God, together we have come into your presence to seek you, to inquire of you, to be directed by you, and to be inspired by your Spirit. You have been to us a guiding light when we sought to let you lead us, you have been a source of power when we relied on you, you have been to us hope for the coming days when we have trusted you, and you are a healing power which can turn our divisions and conflicts into communion. We trust that you will continue to be all of that and much more as we thank you for your blessings.

We thank you for the journey of the past 6 years. They have brought both joy and sadness, both elation and stress, both growth and disease. But somehow we have always sensed your presence in our midst. And as this relationship is today broken, we trust that in your love new ones will be forged to lead us further into Christlikeness and along the road of service. We thank you that you have been so generous in dealing with our faults, our failures, and our conflicts. And we thank you for blessing our feeble efforts to find ways of actualizing our discipleship. Help us to know that the best is yet to be, that the path which God sets for us leads ultimately to fullness of fellowship with you. Thank you, Father, for letting us share these years of ministry.

While we express our thanksgiving we also seek from you the strength to deepen our commitment to Christ. We know in our heart of hearts that we have yet to make that radical change of desire and motive demanded of your followers. Help us to do so that our witness to this community will be positive tho not always popular; faithful tho not always fruitful; and done with joy tho not always with ease and peace.

Now Lord we pray our prayers of intercession as we wait before you in quietness....

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.

Eternal God, you are both father and mother of the human family, and creator of the far flung universe. We now bring ourselves to you in the posture of prayer, with the recognition that we can approach your holiness only because in your love you have bid us come. May the ears of our spirits be open today lest we miss your voice. We, in faith, expect you to hear us. May we know that you have a right to expect that we shall hear you.

Today, O God, we, with emotion-laden hearts, bring to you our prayers of thanksgiving your blessing us with mothers, and for the delightful plan that you should purpose that each of be so blessed. O Lord, you your self saw fit, when you visited this planet, to have a human mother. So we praise you for our mothers . . . some of whom live only in fond memory, yet with a rekindling power for our spirits second only to your power to touch us with the Holy Spirit. May we respond in love to those aspirations which our mother had, or have, for us...and labor unceasingly to fulfill the ideals which they, at least in their better moments, stand for.

We pray for all mothers today. For they are set in the midst of world which has many fears and many dangers. Endow them with special instincts, and with unusual courage, rare wisdom, uncommon strength, and unlimited love as they assume the wonder, the joy, the difficulty, and the satisfaction of being mothers in the world today. Accompany many of them as they risk the union of family and career.

Let sentimentality in our lives be replaced with love, let our symbols of esteem become acts of devotion, let our easy slogans become purposeful guides to the abundant life. In all things, may we hold high the banner of mother-child relationships as one of God's most wonderful creations.

Hear now our intercessions, ^{Oh} God of compassion and mercy, We pray for the rich and the poor that their desire of material things will not warp their love of the spiritual; we pray for the ill and for the well that they may, in faith, depend on you for health and its improvement, We pray for those who rejoice and those who are sad; and for those who have won victories and for those who are struggling; and for those who have great hope and for those who have no hope. 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 turn to you in moments of prayer, asking for a renewed sense of your presence and glory. Help us to understand that we are your children thru grace. You created us and gave us life and we acknowledge you to be the Lord. We know that you have power to bring comfort to our distressed spirits, light to our inquiring minds, and peace to our distraught souls, and direction to our purposeless lives. We know that you have the mercy to love us even when we are unlovable, to forgive us when we are beyond forgiveness, to help us when we are helpless, to reach us when we are beyond your reach, and to save us even when we enjoy our lostness.

Grant us the faith in Christ which not only touches today but encompasses tomorrow as well. May we know that the future need not threaten us because we are in your care. It may bring pain and it may cause us discomfort...but knowing Christ we can be assured of strength and courage. We affirm confidence in your ways.

We thank you for the guidance we have received in the past, and ask for forgiveness when we have not followed it; we thank you for those who have enriched our lives and ask forgiveness for overlooking them; we thank you for the material blessing which have crowned our days and ask you to forgive when we are greedy and grasping; we thank you for letting Jesus Christ reveal your love and ask you to forgive our rejections of him. . and our partial acceptance of your grace.

Take us under your arms and teach us of the abundant life; take us into you heart and teach us to love; take us into your presence and show us how to serve; take us into your concern and show us what it means to be compassionate; take us, body and soul, and make us wholly yours.

Look now, gracious God, upon those people and events which are hurting. For those who need the gospel and all it can mean to them we pray; for those happenings which seem to threaten your way in our lives and in the world, we pray; Cast the strong arm of your love around us and bring us to fulfillment found in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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O God, you the creator, the sustainer and the hope of mankind, the giver of every good and perfect gift, we come to you in supplication and prayer. We turn to you, you who are holy, we who are fitted for holiness but marred with the profane. We have come to worship and to have the light of your love beamed upon us so that we might be cleansed, renewed and strengthened. So we praise you and acknowledge your lordship.

Teach us, O God to use the circumstances of life that they might bring forth in us the fruits of the spirit rather than the fruits of sin. Let us use disappointment as material for patience, success as an occasion for thankfulness; let us use danger as a summons to courage and reproach as a reason for developing longsuffering; let us use praise as an occasion for humility and pleasures as material for temperance. Teach us Heavenly father that all the experiences and circumstances of life can be used to produce character and strength if we will let you work in them.

Merciful father, let us face what you send with the strength which you will provide; when we prosper, let us take heed that we permit your word to prosper in our hearts. When you call upon us to go thru the dark valley of the shadow let us not persuade ourselves that there is an easy way around; and let us not refuse any opportunity of service which may offer itself today, nor fall prey to any temptation which may lie in wait. Let not the sins of yesterday be repeated in our lives today, nor the life of today set any evil examples for our lives tomorrow.

We think especially in our prayers about those who are faced with great temptations, who are faced with tasks too great for their own powers, who stand in the valley of decision, who are in debt or poverty, who suffer consequences of misdeeds long ago repented of; all family circles which are broken by death, the missionaries and those who lift high the lamp of truth in lonely places, and all those persons and circumstances we now remember in silent prayer.

R 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 & forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, & lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen

Almighty God, we have come into the company of love
and common commitment to acknowledge you as Lord;
to receive love from you and our fellow worshippers;
and to lift our praise and thanksgiving to you.
We have come with joy in our hearts, with a song
on our lips, and with hope in our hearts and
anticipation in our spirits. Touch us with
your spirit.

We thank you with lips + lives because you have
wonderfully blessed us. And you have seen
fit to call us as your own. In our gratitude
let us not overlook that being chosen is for
responsibility and not for blessing alone.
Nevertheless, we are grateful for all that en-
riches ~~our~~ lives - our homes, our friends,
our material wealth, our inspirations, our
dreams, and our hopes. We marvel at how you
can use pain, disappointment, and frustration
to bless us; but we are thankful. For the Christ
who saves us may our thanksgiving be
endless in our hearts, in our lives, and
in our doing.

Call each of us to a deeper commitment to you and
your body, the Church. May we, with pride,
offer what we are and what we can become to
you. Touch persons who are sharing this
time of worship with a new visitation of
the Spirit. Renew them, cleanse them, make
them into you loving children. Set some
on new paths today.

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That our church may be a sign of hope
in a fearful world,
we pray to the Lord.

That our nation may seek security
in peace and justice for all,
we pray to the Lord.

That those who are fearful
may find new strength,
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That those who are ill or broken
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Hear us now as we lift our personal
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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 lead us not into temptation
But deliver

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, even now you are looking upon us with understanding and compassion, more eager to bless our lives than we are to seek your blessings. We turn to you in prayer that a way may be opened into your grace thru which we may receive your love

We come together in glad remembrance of times past when you have dealt with us according to your loving kindness. Especially we thank you for new life you have given some in Christ; for the light that has come to the lives of some thru the opening of the scriptures; for the glory that has been opened to so ^{many} lives thru commitment and service. We thank you for the ways that lives have been strengthened by the glad experiences of yesterday and for the hopes for tomorrow because of your love and concern. We thank you for healing physical ailments and spiritual brokenness.

O God, we realize that not all in this fellowship have been renewed by the power of the risen Christ. Some do not know his presence. For them we pray, and ask you to work with them.

On this Easter day we offer ourselves to the work of Jesus Christ with willingness. ~~If we are inclined to excess~~ ~~frivolity, may we know that life includes seriousness and~~ ~~reverence; if we are heedless, fire our imaginations with~~ devotion and concern; if we have become calloused, smooth the rough edges with the touch of your compassion; if we have become small, grant us a vision of brotherhood; if we have become selfish, show us that richness comes thru sharing and giving; if we have become hopeless, charge us with a confident faith. When we are unsympathetic grant us a sympathy which rejoices with them who rejoice and weeps with those who weep. If you are are now leading us thru gloom and mystery may we find that even the clouds drop manna and the sunlight bursts thru on new days. If you are leading us thru green pastures, may we recognize the presence of the good Shepherd.

Come now, Lord, and resurrect yourself in our spirits and lives so that we can with assurance know that you are present to guide and strengthen us for all that we do in your name. Come now, and shake the lethargy from our hearts, the dullness from our minds, and the vagueness from our spirits. Come now, with your living presence and change our lives, and never permit us to be the same again. Come now, and shatter our masks, take away our pride, and lift us into a new relationship with you.

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Almighty God, hear now our prayers where we lift into your presence our joys and our concerns, our victories and defeats. You are a loving God and we in faith believe that you care for us. And you are one who judges, one who has created the vast expanses of a limitless universe, a God whose beauty and glory is reflected dimly thru the mirrors of nature and the human soul. So we worship you, giving you honor and commitment.

Send your spirit upon us, making us more than we are. Send your spirit to the church helping her to recapture the vitality and strength which is a characteristic of the primitive church, according to your word. Let us not think our discipleship is complete when we praise and glorify you and when we find that peace which passes understanding and that joy which changes our lives. Rather help us to extend our discipleship into servanthood .. into doing and striving where decisions are made and power is exercised. Teach us that a Christian who is too heavenly conscious is of no earthly good. Then give us power and courage to do that which you lead us to do.

Hear now of our thanksgiving. For life and friend, for home and daily provision, for debts to pay and debts to collect, for sins to be forgiven and for wrongs for us to forgive others for, all that we offer our heart felt gratitude. And for the joys which enrich life and for the trials which enable it to grow; for the peace which makes us whole and the anxiety that keeps us alert; for someone to love and for those who love us; for a saviour who died and for a life to live for him, accept our thanksgiving.

Now, Lord, God, place your hand upon each person here. For some it will be a hand of judgement, for others a hand of forgiveness, for some a hand of commendation and for others a hand which calls for commitment. Whatever you are saying to us individually, grant us the courage to respond.

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, & 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 & the power & the glory forever. Amen.

Lord of our Fathers, Master of the present, and God of the unseen days ahead, we unite in this fellowship of worship and find a common bond in our affection for Jesus Christ and in his calling to us. We praise you for you are a mighty God, high above us yet deep within us; far removed from us yet nearer than breathing and closer than hands and feet. We praise you because you have seen fit to place a bit of your own nature within us thus allowing us to call you "Father", and to be your children thru the inheritance made possible by Jesus Christ. How thankful we are.

Let there be in us some of our Lord's strength, and some of his courage. He wavered not when he faced the hostility of enemies yet we waver and fold in the face of small inconveniences. He did not compromise his convictions when they threatened to slay him, yet we rush to change our colors at the least sign of losing popularity. He did not lose his cool when they questioned him and flogged him, yet we lose control over small or thought to be offenses. Give us his courage, grant us his strength that we might be worthy disciples.

Loving Father, we are needy people, and we are aware of much which we feel needs the touch of your love. So we pray our intercessions we are also praying for ourselves. There are those who are ill and hurt, bring healing to them; there are those whose faith is faltering because you seem inactive, reassure them; there are those who too easily make decisions and those who cannot make choices, guide them; there are those who are hungry of body and starving in spirit, grant both spiritual and physical food; there are those who do not know Jesus Christ and there are those who know him too well, be with them; there are those who need to be loved and those who need to love, help them to discover your love; there are those who have hopes and dreams and those who have none of either, fulfill their desires and take away their despair. Whatever our needs, whatever the needs of others, minister to them, O Lord. And if it is your will, let us be instruments of fulfilling our own intercessions

Speak to us Lord...in ways which are unmistakable; and give us the courage to respond.

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Heavenly Father, who has heard in all times the cries of your people when they pray and call unto you, be attentive to us on this holy day when our thoughts are concentrated, as much as we will allow ourselves to concentrate, on you. Help us, as we worship to, we our Lord Jesus Christ; Help us to see him as saviour, help us to see him as friend, help us to see him as a man in full humanity, Help us to see him as companion, Help us to see him in ways we never dreamed of.

May we grow into Christ-likeness during these days of Lent and forbid that we should try to make Jesus over into a pattern of our own choosing. Relieves/ of us of the responsibility of deciding who are his disciples and we are superior in faith to others. Free us from the burdens of working for success. Rather assist us in being only faithful.

O God there is much that we lack as human beings & as Christians. That is part of the reason we have come this morning. We need new hearts and inspiration; we need new guidance and forgiveness. We need you and we need each other. Father God, take us as we are, and make us -from this sorry raw material - into being fit both for the kingdom and this present world. Help us to love this world so much that it will cause us to put our faith to work.

O God, hear now our thanksgiving. Often we list our blessings and express our gratitude. We know not how else to thank you except by showing forth praise by our lives. Help us to be led to do that as we remember our families and friends, our church and opportunities for service, our good minds and our healthy bodies, our material wealth and the possibility of spiritual riches, and especially the work of Jesus Christ for our sakes...

We now now Father God in silent meditation and prayer: in the trust that you will be attentive to us...

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Lord God, we again seek to relate to you in prayer. We desire to communicate with you in these moments . . . to have you say something to us as well as to say something to you. But, we ask for you patience and understanding, for we are more accustomed to talking than we are to listening. And you'll have to give us patience and understanding because we are often insensitive to your voice.

We know, or ought to know, about your greatness and majesty and your power. We have seen your greatness in the grandeur of creation, in the beauty around us, and in the intricate dependance which oils the universe, and we have been awed by it. We have seen your majesty in the far flung stars and heard it in the mighty roar of the seas and have been humbled. We have felt your power in the core of our lives and have observed it change the direction in which a man traveled and have been thankful. So we praise you and try to ascribe the honor and glory which is befitting of you. And when we do that, then we worship.

When we consider your love for us, then we rejoice and celebrate. Your goodness is fantastic, your blessing of us seems to be without limit, and your concern for us apparently has no bounds. We are, or ought to be grateful. You have given us the senses to enjoy life, the energy to help mold it so that it fulfills your purposes, the power to overcome the adversities which mar it, and the matter and spirit to touch life at its center. And you, in Jesus Christ, have given ~~of~~ us a glimpse of close fellowship with you, so we are thankful.

Help us, our Father, to care for others as you in Christ have shown us that you care for others. The least we can do, since we are afraid to risk more, is to pray for them. That we do in these moments . . . remembering others and lifting their needs into your presence. There are the ill who wonder if tomorrow will come for them, the disorganized who hesitate to face the disarray of the days ahead, the sinful who look forward to another day of guilt, the chosen leaders of mankind who face problems too great for their unaided wisdom and strength. And as we pray for others we realize that we pray for ourselves also. Grant us the willingness to help in answering our own prayers.

Let us offer to you in these moments that portion of ourselves we can offer you . . . dedicating ourselves in a closer companionship with Jesus Christ and a greater service to others, 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 ~~test us not~~ ^{do not} tempt us but deliver us from evil for thine is the Kingdom the power the glory forever Amen

Lord God, from whose power and wisdom we have received life; and from whose love we have been offered the means of its redemption, hear us now as we pray. As we worship together, let us see how we can better live when we follow your guidance and grow under your nurture. As we worship, let gratitude fill our hearts as we count our blessings and remember your mercies.

We are needy people. We do not need more material things, but more things of the spirit. We do not need more truth, we only need to heed the truth we already know. We do not need more things, but we do need to do more - the important and valuable things. We do not need more success, but we need to succeed more in serving you.

Our needs have been magnified because we have so often ignored your presence. We have opened our hearts to passing voices and closed them to yours. We have given our hearts to ourselves and withheld them from others and from you. We have sought strange remedies for our brokenness and have refused your touch, the touch that could make us whole.

Breathe upon us today, our Father, a fresh appreciation of truth which will blow the staleness from our souls. Kindle in us a flame of love that will consume the emotions which create discord in our lives and fellowship. Ignite in our hearts a faith which will shine thru the windows of our lives to dispel darkness and doubt.

As we share this hour together, make us conscious of tasks that need workmen, of lives that need help, of issues that need voices, and of burdens that need lifting. Make us aware of wounds which need binding, of sorrows which need solacing, and of the frail who need strengthening. Make us conscious of the strife that needs to be undone by peacemaking; of hatreds that need melting by love, and of despair that needs to be wiped away by hope. Will you, in your love and power, look to the needs of others. Let us be agents of your healing work, if you believe in us enough to further entrust your work to us.

When this opportunity for worship and renewal; celebration and encounter is ended, may our lives be touched with resources to meet the week ahead.

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.

Eternal God, in these moments of common prayer, we lift to you the deep yearnings of our hearts and spirits. From the inner recesses of our souls we call forth the recognition of your Lordship and your holiness. We acknowledge our outward unwillingness to humble ourselves before your glory and love.

We have need of healing, we have need of wholeness. And we affirm that you can heal us and make us whole. You can, you have shattered the walls which separate us from you. Help us to use this sacrament of your grace to the end that we may find rest in you, peace for our spirits, courage for our living, vitality for our lives, and fulfillment for our dreams.

As we participate in this familiar act of remembrance and worship may there come to us an unfamiliar visitation of your spirit in our lives. As we use these common symbols may there come to us an uncommon experience of renewal and strength.

O Lord, we are thankful people. We know that your grace is more than sufficient for our needs; we know that it is sufficient for what we would need if we fully served you. How you could love us enough to send Jesus Christ staggers us and overcomes us, or it ought to, though our familiarity with the gospel has dulled us to its glory. Thank you for Christ...and as we remember him in this hour may we do so in ways which glorify him and give to him the dignity and honor which he deserves.

As we commune together, may we be aware of the world and others....Help us to see the sores, the lostness, and let us be caring about the members of the human family who stand in need. For them we pray. And we pray for all those who labor for your will and way, who work for the betterment of mankind, and who exert energy in the name of Christ by witnessing to his saving love and grace.

Bless us with your presence...place your hand upon us as we silently lift our cares to you

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Eternal God, we have come to you today to worship, to pray, to be forgiven and to hear your voice and word. Do not send us away empty. We have come today because we need the renewal of mind and spirit which comes from you. Do not let us depart without being touched by your grace and mercy. We have come to you today with empty hearts, lives which sometimes are barren. Do let us go our way unfilled.

O God, thank you for your gift of yourself to us in Jesus Christ. We have taken that gift lightly at times, and have tried to make him like us. Let us hear once again his call to service and to sacrifice, to love and to self-giving. May we also taste once again his power for each of our lives, making us strong and resourceful and victors in the living of these days. Lord, we thank you for all your other gifts...the material abundance which enriches our days, the friends and family to make love a living reality, the opportunities which call us out of ourselves, the relationships and happenings which bring joy and elation, and the memory which gives us an appreciation for our heritage and our departed loved ones. Lord, accept our words of praise and thanksgiving, and may our gratitude show forth in vital living each day and each hour.

Equip us for our life of ministry in the coming week. Surely we shall meet someone who is discouraged, give us the words we should speak; perhaps we shall encounter someone who has needs of the body, make us ready to respond; and we will certainly meet someone who does not know of your saving love, give us that love that we can pass it on. Help us to be aware of our church and its needs. We ask that each of us respond to whatever call you place upon us to serve thru this church. Make of us vibrant, enthusiastic joyful, helpful, and loving representatives of our Lord.

Now we intercede to you on behalf of your children and the world which you loved enough to die for. Your people are discouraged, they are anxious, they are hurting, they are sick, they are bereaved, and they face problems peculiar to them individually. Minister thru your spirit, and thru us if it be your will. Hear now our individual intercession as we wait in a moment of silence.

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Lord God, eternal Father, who became a person in history in Jesus and who is our contemporary thru the Spirit's continuing presence: we are here today to express out adoration and praise to you. But we find it a little hard to praise since it is somewhat foreign to us to do so, even to those who have offered us friendship and help. Teach us to appreciate you and show us how we can glorify you. Let us realize our positions as your creatures, wholly dependent upon you for life and all of its possibilities, and to offer ourselves as your servants. Show us how to praise and thank you.

But, O God, we are here today because we have pressing needs..some of which we recognize. We have already acknowledged our sin and our need to accept your forgiveness. We stand in need of guidance and direction. We have depended too much on our own wisdom and when we are honest we have to admit that often as not we have been disillusioned and frustrated. We have need for renewal in our lives. Our loyalties have waned, our energies have been sapped, and meaning has been squeezed from our lives. Give us the touch of your guiding hand and grant us the renewing power which comes thru Jesus Christ.

We pray for a new appreciation of Christ. Even tho he seemed to be a loser, may we be enabled to see that his way of sacrifice, of self-giving, of service, and of dedication, is the way you work best and the way you expect your people to follow. Forgive our inability to be servants, unable to bear the pain which sometimes comes from standing firm for you. Let us not forget that the loser on Good Friday became the eternal victor on Easter. Let him reign in our hearts and lives today and tomorrow.

Now we intercede for the world and for others. We pray for a recognition of your Lordship by all people, and the awareness of your power to act and minister to all human needs. All the way from those who sorrow to those who seek to live with their sin, will you offer your goodness and your touch to all who stand in need.

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Almighty God, you have created and given vitality to life and order and beauty to what you have created, we now try to place our spirits and hearts in a position to appreciate your power and touch. Considering as we do, from time to time, your greatness and glory we can only be glad and rejoice, we can only celebrate and worship. For truly you are a great Lord, overflowing with goodness and mercy, to care and to be concerned about we who are unworthy.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray that your will will be done in our world, and especially with us who name ourselves after the Christian and call ourselves Christian. We pray for harmony among men and nations..whether they be rich or poor, black or white. We ask for patience to exercise love in our relationships, the love with which God has first loved us; we ask for strength to bear our witness as your people in whatever circumstance we find ourselves; we ask for courage in the face of rebuff. Grant us kindness when others offend us, a loving spirit when others betray ~~others~~ us; and a willingness to be open to your spirit as it moves among us.

Save us, Lord God, from being an echo of the world around us, for it was not without pain that you have called us to a life of discipleship. Guide us into deeper commitment and help us to accept the full cost and joy of its meaning.

We lift our voices and hearts to you in thanksgiving. You have blessed us with life and all that sustains life; you have given us many gifts and talents; you have surrounded us with persons who care; you have placed dreams and aspirations in our breasts; you have given us the capacity to appreciate the beautiful; and you have given us the Christ..the means of our salvation and the example you call us to. Thank you, O Lord.

Look now, merciful Father, to those who are ill, or perplexed, or anxious, or fearful, or lonely, or those whose burdens seem to heavy. Give us some simple task to do, like visiting the lonely, comforting the sorrowful, or calming the anxious.

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Lord God, hear us as we pray. We want to praise you, to give you due honor. But the impulse to acknowledge you as Lord is weak and our willingness to accept our place as your creations is clouded by our pride. Still, tho, we know that you are holy and all-powerful...so we open ourselves to receiving your grace even when we strive ungracefully to go alone; and to becoming free by submitting to you. Praise be to you, O God, you are holy, all-wise, and all-loving.

We thank you for all that enriches life and gives it meaning. For the generous allotment of days and experiences to make life worthwhile, for the overflowing supply of friends and for the good sense to keep them, for the skill and energy to earn a living and for the presence of purpose which adds meaning to life, for your love and saving power in Jesus Christ and the humility to accept them,,we thank you, O God. For the uncharted hours ahead and for the hope which, in Christ, can fill our breasts, for the unwritten diary of the past and its influence, for the thrill and duty of the present and its calling to strive, to love, to sacrifice..we give you thanks. Teach us to appreciate the good in life, show us how to use the distasteful for our maturing. In all things may we be undergirded by the joy which comes from faith in our Lord and trust in his love.

SAVE us from disappating our energies in fighting the wrong battles. Give us the wisdom to know what is worth our effort, worthy of our time, and worth our attention. Once you have shown us what is vital, what is real, give us the courage to offer all that we have. Let our plan be love, our weapons compassion and forgiveness, and our victory reconciliation. Set us about ~~our~~ tasks and callings which promise to make a difference in the lives and attitudes of people.

Be sensitive to our prayers of intercession. You know what is in our hearts, who are the objects of our concern, and those situations in which we yearn for guidance and action. Out of your love and mercy, deal with those who are stressed, give courage to those who lead and to those who falter, and grant your healing presence where illness and perplexity rule.

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Eternal Father, loving Lord, we pray to you in these moments. Tho we have other gods, we turn to you to express the deep yearnings of our hearts, and to hear your voice of salvation. We want to rid ourselves of other gods, so that we can be free to give you the praise and honor which we owe you. With our voices, and so far as we are able, we glorify your name and acknowledge you to be the Lord. Your love is greater than we can know. How grateful we are.

Lord God thank you for eyes to feast on the beauty around us, or to feast on a message of love from other eyes; for ears to hear great music, and the sublime strains of your Word; for hands to work or to hold the hand of a child; for mouths to taste fresh bread or the sweetness of a kiss; For feet to walk and to dance; for minds and spirits made in your image, capable of response to love. Thank you for being our God, and for making life worth living.

O God we pray for the silent majority, people who dare trust noone and for people who have no one to trust. For old people whose loved ones and friends are gone; for the sick whom no one visits anymore. For the prisoners whom everyone prefers to forget; for the grief stricken, marooned after the funeral. And for people like us, well off in appearances, but too fearful to risk any confiding and to extend ourselves in love to our brothers.

Help us to help others break forth into new life of trust and sharing. Help us, O Father, to show forth reallness and trust that others will be attracted to us and know that we are genuine. Help us to be the kind of persons, patterned after our Lord, that we can be effective ministers of your way and your word.

If it be your will, will you cause someone here today to hear a personal word from you, to have the courage to respond and say: "Here am I, Lord , , use me". To that end clear the cobwebs from our spirits for we have ceased to believe that you will come to us personally.

Our prayer is uttered in the name of him whose ears were especially tuned to the cry of the lonely, and who, in pity, went to untold lengths to restore those who had unlearned to trust....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.

Eternal God, whose creative power has placed every created thing in your debt; and whose mighty hand holds sway over the galaxies and the planets, the nations and the people, we are awed and hushed as we approach you in worship. The thought that you care for us is more than we understand, yet you have told us of your love and concern. So, without merit of our own, we seek fellowship with you in this hour of praise.

Enable us to thank you. Place in our thoughts and our minds the greatness of the blessings which are ours...For the bounties of the good earth that enable us to live day by day, for those sensory powers which bring us the joy of knowing, feeling and loving, for the ideals and dreams which lift us, and for the Christ who has redeemed us . . . for all of that and more.

Enable us to seek constantly the assurance of your presence with each of us individually. Let us be concerned about our relationship to Jesus Christ and permit the wind of his spirit to blow upon us. Cause us to, with honesty, examine ourselves in the light of the purity and the wholeness of Christ.

In these days of need, enable us to be ministers of the gospel. Wherever we look, O God, there is need...your children are hungry, race rises up against race, people are crushed by impersonal structures and forces. And the voice of faith often seems faint, and the balm of healing love is often lacking. Put us to work so that we will surely know that you are working in our world.

Enable us to intercede on behalf of the down trodden and the hungry, the ill and the defeated, the struggling and the tempted, the bereaved and the lonely. Dedicate us to the ends for which we pray and may our energies become aids in answering the petitions which our lips voice and our hearts compell.

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Lord God, teach us the secrets of the abundant life. We have come to spend this hour with you and with others of a like mind.

While we are together teach us how to share the joys of being in Christ, and instruct us in matters leading to a life-style which the world may identify as your people. Give us steadfast hearts that no unworthy affection may drag us away from you; give us an unconquered heart that no stress can wear out; give us an upright heart that no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Give us an understanding of ~~yourself~~ yourself, a diligence in searching for you, the wisdom to know you when we find you, and a faith that will enable us to fully embrace you.

God, we think of your graciousness and we are overwhelmed. We, in spite of our pride, know that we have not merited your love. So we can only humbly offer you praise. Our is the lot of creature receiving abundantly from you, the creator. We think of the friends and loved ones who have immeasurably enriched our lives, we think of those who were faithful in days past and those who trust in our day. We think of the wealth of things which make life easy, and which sustain it day by day. These gifts make us mindful of how nearly like the elements we are and dependant we are on them and you. We think of those times of stress and pain, and even tho they threaten, at times, to undo us, we now see them as things you have used to mature us. Accept our praise and thanksgiving for all of that and for your gift of yourself in Jesus Christ . . . showing us a love we cannot understand and can barely accept.

O God, we offer our intercessions on behalf of a feverish world and its brokenness. How our world aches for the compassion which is Christ-like, how it cries for a spirit which cares and lifts, and how it needs your people as agents of reconciliation and healing. We can be all of that under our Lord Jesus Christ. Give us the will to do so. For the lonely and the distressed we pray; for the heartbroken and the imprisoned we express concern; for the friendless and the anxious hear our concern and confession of love. Minister to the needs of those around this planet who are not whole. Be especially attentive to those persons we personally know and about whom we are concerned, as we wait in a silent moment...

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Eternal Spirit, to whom belongs adoration and praise, we bring our tired spirits into your presence to worship and to be renewed. We who have the world too much with us would seek to cast off for this hour the anxiety which binds us and be released into peace and rest in your presence. Let not our worship be in vain. Show yourself to us, and minister to us.

Our concern is great for the things of the kingdom, tho not great enough. In the confusion of modern times with its false gods, we need to become more aware of you, the one true God.

In a day when we receive so much pressure to conform to the patterns of others, let us rather conform to Jesus Christ. In a day when we are pressed to give allegiance to temporal endeavors, let us commit ourselves more fully to you. Let us not take lightly the opportunities which are ours..we have a chance to help build a better world . . even if it means that we only build better personal lives. We have a chance to be ministers of your love by imitating Jesus Christ. We can let your love and your spirit fill us each. Strengthen us, guide us, aid us.

May the spirit of thanksgiving never leave us. Constantly remind us of our blessings, those inestimable goodnesses of the spirit which come from you alone. For the comforts of modern life, for the assurance and sustaining strength from those who love us, for the gift of Jesus Christ, we thank you. We have many things..create in us and give us one more thing - a grateful heart.

Look now to the needs of those who have been knocked down by life, those who have been granted, for at least a time, the difficult and the hard road. Come to us, we who are anxious, tempted, sorrowful, beareaved, troubled. We look to you to free us..you have answers..so make us part of the answers and not part of the problem.

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O God, who in the worst of times proclaimed the best of hopes and sent Jesus Christ in the fullness of time; make receptive our heart to receive him who changed the course of history. Make clean our lips and wash white our hearts. Let your word tell us the story. Let music take us again thru the paths of time. When we cannot grasp the fact, help our imaginations to lay hold of the story and make it live in our lives and commitments.

Help us to remember that many followers of Christ will find it difficult to worship him. They are hungry thru no fault of their own. While we celebrate your coming in comfort and warmth, their bodies are cold. and perhaps their hearts are bitter. and maybe they have lost the capacity to love, for the world has been cruel. Oh, God, are they bitter because of us? Do they hate their fellows because of us? Help us to transform our love into deeds that they may know this that is your world.

Incite us to act today and tomorrow, let not this season pass without our giving ourselves to missions of mercy, errands of love, and works of charity. Let not the day mock us. Help us to generate goodwill in response to your coming to us. Let it soften the wrath of those who misunderstand their fellow men and those who hate their brothers. Help us to rejoice with great joy as we thankfully worship you today, believing that, despite all the modern Herods, christ's message will be written on every heart and sung by every spirit and praise^d by all your children.

May we be thankful to you . . . for Christ who has shown your face to us and who has reminded us that we were made for fellowship with you. We praise you for the memories of Christmases past, for the joys of the present, and for the assurance of a bright tomorrow. We thank you for our friends and families, for the fellowship and opportunities of the church; for health and daily provision and for blessing us so richly that we forget to be thankful.

Now Lord enter into our celebrations of Christmas until we are touched with a spirit we have nearly forgotten and called to a depth of meaning we have longed for.

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, & the Power, & the Glory

eternal Son, Lord of all things, enthroned afar off, yet present in every heart which would seek, accept now the sacrifice of our prayers. We gladly & humbly acknowledge you to be the one glorious and gracious God of the universe. You are worthy of our adoration and veneration. May the beauty of your holiness permit some holiness of beauty appear in us.

Lord God, we thank you for placing us in a world of opportunity - to serve, to collect, to give and to amass. We thank you for the challenges daily presented to us to spread your redeeming love. We are grateful that there moves within high & noble impulses to serve others, deep yearnings which prompt the exhortation of ourselves for your sake. We praise you for the meaning of human relationships - the depth of fellowship, the depth of trust which enable us to be fully human.

But, our Father, there sometimes comes upon us loneliness - the feeling of emptiness & despair when no one seems to care. Come to us then & give us a divine friendship. Help us to cultivate not only our human relationships but our relationship with you through Christ, as well. Help us to be a friend to the lonely and one who express love toward those who feel that no one cares.

Hear now our group of intercession. Bring comfort to those who are bereaved, peace to those who are anxious, judgment to the arrogant & proud, light to those whose path is darkened by sin or fear, wholeness to the ill, guidance to the world's leaders and peace to ^{the} one world. Let us each be instruments of your will, ready servants of Christ and the vanguard of your purposes in the world. Use us in whatever way we will let you, and help us to let you.

Lord God, the light that does not fade, we worship you. O God, the love that does not fail, we praise you. We seek you in prayer, trusting that you have long been seeking us. As we do not seek the sun, but only open ourselves to its life giving power, nor the air which we breathe..so we open ourselves to you.

We have tried to content ourselves with things. Well-housed, Well-fed we have tried to be satisfied, but sometimes there arises within a desire for the life that is life. We cannot live by bread and things alone, so we turn to you.

We have tried to content ourselves with daily tasks, some have absorbed themselves in toil, others in endless rounds of activity. But we ask wistfully from time to time..is there more to life than all that? From all of our endeavors to live without you, deliver us.

Take our lives into your keeping and transform them, Take our suffering and pain. We have rebelled against them and have sometimes been embittered by them. Because of them, kindle in our hearts a generous sympathy for the whole body of mankind.

Take our energies and strengths. We are somewhat aware of the perilous times in which we live. Put our hands on some task of reconciliation, place our shoulders to some labor of healing and redemption. Take the talents and the wisdoms which you have graciously given us and dedicate them to your service. Help us to cling to you not only in our weaknesses, but let us make our powers and energies available to you also.

And we ask, Father, that since we have taken the time and the effort to be a part of this worshipping community today, joining with others of kindred spirits and common aspirations, that you will do some high and important things in our individual lives.

Help us to take to heart the needs and brokenness, not only of ourselves, but of those around us as well. Now we lift in our prayers those people and concerns which are on our hearts. We pray for the lonely, the ill, the perplexed, the sinful, the hurt, the joyful, the rich, the contented. Be are present guide and help in all our lives. OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVN HALLOWED BE THY ANME THY KINGDOM COME THY WILL BE DONE ON EARHT AS IT IS IN HEAVEN 'GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD & 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 God, once again we join in this community of prayer to lift our common voices to you, you who are almighty and holy. Our supplications are uttered from the depths of our being, or that is our intent. Will you be pleased to accept our prayers, ourselves, and our dedications?

We try to be thankful people. We are aware, sometimes, of how ungrateful we are. Accustomed as we are to having so much, we find it hard to acknowledge you as the source of those blessings which enrich our being and lives. To list your graces would be impossible but we do thank you for the relationships of love and friendship which make life wonderful and worthwhile; for the sensitivities which we have making us aware of the hurt and pain of others, and making us responsive to their joys; for the capacity to experience joy ourselves and for the maturing strength of stress and pain; for the things of the material nature which tend to make our lives comfortable and maybe too easy; for the opportunity to make decisions so that we can follow your will; and for the difficult times which make us realize that we must depend on you; for the laughter and gaiety of a small child which causes to reflect on the miracle of life; for the Christ thru whom you have shown us a marvelous and never ending love that forgives and accepts us back. For all of that, and much more, we thank you.

Lord God, a love such as yours for us ought to call forth some response from us. Forgive us if we go on accepting it and never doing anything about it. Let us come to see that its fullness is truly experienced as we respond in love of you and our fellowman, not in word only but in deed as well. May it compell us to sacrifice time, and energy, and resource in meeting the needs of others, and may it stretch our spirits accepting those whom we now find unacceptable. Give us the will to love as we are loved, and to serve as Christ served us.

We trust that you have a concern about that which concerns us. We therefore in confidence lift to you our intercessions. There are among us those who desire healing, any your will be done, there are those who are lonely and bereaved, may comfort and strength come to them; there are those who need direction and guidance, place your hand on their shoulders and point the way.. Listen to our further intercessions...
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Eternal Spirit, so high above us that we cannot comprehend ~~the~~ and yet so deep within us that we cannot escape ~~the~~; make ~~myself~~ ^{you} real to us now. In a shaken world we seek stability; in a noisy world we need inner peace; in a fearful world, we want courage; in a world where everything perishes we crave a vision of the eternal Kingdom where the sun never sets.

Seek us out, each one us. Young and old we come, the merry and the bereaved, families together and solitary souls, some ~~at~~ ^{you} tempted to be proud and some crestfallen because of failure, some strong in body and others trying to keep the inward man new while the outward perishes. Let ~~the~~ ^{your} sun shine thru all these varied windows.

While ~~that~~ ^{you} dost comfort us, kindle us also with sincere penitence. Let some deep word of righteousness be spoken to our souls today. Save us from ignoble excuse cheap defenses, and unworthy self-deceits. Give us the grace to be honest with ourselves, that we might rightly deal with the personality which ~~you~~ ^{you have} entrusted to us, with the friends and family which surrounds us, with opportunities ~~that~~ ^{you have} given us and with the stewardship which ~~that~~ ^{you have} committed to us.

~~We pray for peace in the world. Stay the evil forces which oppose the good. We pray for character and faith to use aright the powers which man has. We pray for all organizations dedicated to peace and world harmony for all individuals in places of authority, and for all of us that we might earnestly endeavor to live at peace with our neighbors.~~

With thankful, yet burdened hearts, we pray for ~~the~~ ^{you} Church. Keep her fellowship real and vital, across the dividing lines of man bitterness. We pray that ~~you~~ ^{you will} help us to maintain her strength, rear our children in its nurture, seek afresh to understand the gospel, and make real to the ends of the earth the salvation that is in Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Make this church, ~~we beseech thee~~, a loyal servant of ~~thy~~ ^{your} cause. To its leadership, its laymen and laywomen of this congregation grant vision and dedication, wisdom and devotion, that we here, a company of Christ's disciples, may exhibit his spirit, further his work, and be faithful servants of his Kingdom.

Now may thy Spirit touch us all with wisdom and strength. Kindle our faith, rebuke our unfaithfulness, make sensitive our consciences, dedicate our strength, fortify us in our troubles, and send us out strong in the Lord and in the power of his might.

Eternal God, we lift our voices to you in prayer and sup-

plication, confessing your Lordship over all creation and all life, including our own. We praise you and acknowledge your glory - so greatly manifest in the world of nature, in the world of spiritual realities. You are high above, deep within us; and your judgement is sure; but tempered with love and mercy. Into this fellowship of worship we have brought our spirits which are seeking to be free, our hearts which are seeking to be captured; our sins which need to be forgiven, and our frustrations which need the calming influence of your spirit. With us also we have brought our yearnings for peace, our unfulfilled dreams, and our uncommitted lives. We pray that you have been working in and thru us during this time of worship and praise, and ask that you continue to do so.

Our time of prayer is a time of thanksgiving. . the expression of our gratitude to you, O Lord. We don't know the best way to thank you . . and we know that our words sound rather empty. Nevertheless, we are mindful of your concern daily shown in your provision for our routine needs . . food and shelter, the capability of thinking and the resource to work and expend energy. We thank you too for these unseen but experienced spiritual realities which add the dimension of depth and meaning to life, that enable us to surmount the stresses and strains and be more than conquerors thru him who loved us.

We pray that your presence will continue to be with in our trials and in times of trouble. Man was born for trouble, but ~~we~~ also to depend on your strength when it comes. Be with us when life seems to fall apart and all around seems threatening and alien. Be with us in our joys when we are on top of the world. Be with us in our victories and our triumphs and help us to know the elation and freedom which comes to us in those times and to recognize that they might be fleeting. Be with us in our daily routines and in our moments of contemplation.

Give us the will to apply our energies and our efforts to working for human betterment and for the coming of your kingdom. It takes fortitude and courage to be radically Christian in our time, and yet may be realize that no other brand of Christianity is capable of meeting the great tasks before us. May we in all things be firmly grounded in relationship to Christ so that our doing will be for his glory.

Our Father who art in heaven
answered by thy name thy Kingdom come this will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread & 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, & the Power & the glory forever, Amen

Almighty God, in whose hand is the gift of life, we offer you the gladness and the peace in our lives which have survived the blows that life brings to us . . . those often caused by our own mismanagement of the past and of our experiences.

We give you thanks for all those who have found your spirit in their lives, for the saints and prophets who have been to you as hands and feet doing your will and work, and for the humble whose place in the world is small but whose status with you as your children is large. We thank you for the mentors and leaders who have touched and ~~and~~ enlarged our lives, perhaps known only to us, for the work which your loved permitted you to do in Jesus Christ . . . the work of redemption and salvation of those who turn in faith and respond in service to you. We are grateful to you for all those who have supported others in their hour of stress . . . for those who have comforted the sorrowing, encouraged the faltering, assisted the healing of the ill by their tender presence and ministrations, for those who pointed the way when all around was dark and forboding, for those who bring a gentle word of remonstace setting on a plain and straight path someone who was wandering off, for those whose sacrifice of convenience and time assisted someone along the road. Accept our thanksgiving for all your benefits for every good deed done in your name, and every lifting power that influences our lives.

We pray, O God, for our nation. Match her strength with a purpose founded in your will, bring her once again to recognize the value of personal integrity and to stand strongly for it. May our nation not only see its privileged place in the family of peoples, but may she have a consuming sense of her responsibility. May the troubled find the peace, the hungry food, and the homeless a home, may the imprisoned be freed, and may the suffering and dislocated find mercy, and may the worldly wise find wisdom.

For each us here in this place at this time we pray. May our needs be tended too, may our sins be forgiven, and may our complacency be replaced with commitment. Help us to see some work this week that we can do for your kingdom this week and apply ourselves to do before we once again gather in your name for celebration and renewal. Take our lives and let them be consecrated lord to thee. Thru Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

our father, who art in him, Hllwd be thy name. Thy kglm come, thy will be done on earth as it is in him. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasss as we forgive those who trespass

Eternal God, you are the author of life and the end toward which the whole creation moves, and yet you are our father. . . hear us as we pray and praise. We think of ourselves as a self-made people; we are in fact contingent, dependent and derived. We fancy ourselves a reasonable people, we are in fact beset with blind spots, and all too often bind our minds to the service of prejudices. We think of ourselves as being free, we are in fact in bondage to the flesh and to material possession that we chase with much abandon. We fancy ourselves fully alive, we are in fact but dimly aware of the heights and depths, the breadth and length, the wonder and miracle of life, there for our exploring. We think of ourselves as decent and religious, we are in fact falling short of our potential and prone to use our faith to justify a selfish use of life.

It is more than we can understand that you should love us so, when we find it hard to love ourselves; that you should believe in us when we have blown so many chances; that you should welcome us when we bring so little. But we can accept your love, we can bless you for your grace, and we can voice our thanks to ~~the~~ you.

We pray that we might by our love of you and our trust in you recognize that you are willing to work with us in bringing forth blessing and goodness thru all the circumstances of life - the painful as well as the joyous. We admit that there are times when our faith falters and all turns black...come to us at those times assuring us that we labor not alone but that you are present with us.

Minister, O Lord God, to all people and situations which are needful. Let your love flow into all circumstances bringing hope and healing, joy and strength.

Eternal God, you who are enthroned in the heavens we seek now to enthrone you in our hearts and lives. Your glory exceeds anything we can know, but we, in faith, know that you desire our worship. We feel that our imperfectness can be helped by contact with your perfectness. Look with compassion on us.

Let there be some communication between you and us now. We sorely need many things, not the least of which is the assurance that you work in our lives and in the world. Help us to sense your purposes that our lives might be focused around them, Enable us, thru eyes of faith, to see our lives, singly and severally, as part of the vast plan which you have but ~~which~~ which we can only partly glimpse. Our love, our giving, our sacrifice, our service - we offer them all to you that they might be increased and used in your purpose.

Today we intercede on behalf of a fearsome world. Dangers lurk all about us, and opportunities are available to us. We pray for the world's leaders, that knowing^{ly} or unknowing^{ly} they might choose life and not death for your children. Hasten thru them, and thru us, the day when men shall abide together in peace.

Attend now, in your great love and mercy, to the needs of those of your children who are gathered here. Strengthen and comfort those who sorrow. Be with those who are anxious, and direct those who are perplexed. We present our bodies and spirits to you for healing.

We pray that this small colony of your people will be equiped to perform the ministrys to which you have called us. Touch some here today and lead them to offer their gifts in teaching, thru music, in calling, in whatever way you open to them. Help us to know that your kingdom moves forward, perhaps imperceptibly, only as those who love Jesus Christ give of themselves and the gifts you have given them. Lay your hand on our shoulders now and say to each of us: "you ought to do what ever you can do and I will help you".

May each of us, when this service ends, go our ways knowing that you will guide us and trust that, for those who love you, all things can be made to enrich and bless us.

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Lord God, from whose power we have received life; and from whose love we have been offered the means of its redemption, hear us as we pray to you. As we worship together, let us see how we can better live when we follow your guidance and grow under your nurture. As we worship let gratitude fill our hearts as we count our blessings and remember your mercies to us.

We are needy people. we do not need more material things, but we need more spiritual things. We do not need more truth, we only need to heed the truth we already know. We do not need more things to do, but we need to do more, to do the important things. We do not need more success, but we need to succeed more in serving you and others.

Breathe upon us today, our Father, a fresh comprehension of truth which will blow the staleness from our souls, Kindle in us a flame of love that will consume the emotions which create discord in our lives. Ignite in our hearts a faith which will shine thru the windows of our lives to dispel darkness and doubt.

Grant unto us the power and the guidance to become attractive, because of our lives and faith, to others. May we be given a magnetism of life akin to the magnetism of our Lord who drew people to him by his attractive life and ways. Let our witness be genuine, let our lives be real.

As we share this hour, make us conscious of tasks that need workmen, of lives that need help, of issues that need voices, and of burdens that need lifting. Make us aware of the wounds which need healing, the sorrows that need solacing, and of the faltering who need strengthening. Make us conscious also of strife that needs to be undone by peacemaking, of hatred that needs melting by love, and of despair that needs to be wiped away by hope. Will you in your love and power, look to the needs of others. Send us to be agents of your healing power, if that be your will and if you believe in us enough to entrust your work to us.

When this opportunity for renewal, for celebration and encounter is ended, may our lives be touched with resources to meet the duties and opportunities of the week ahead.

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Eternal God, Lord of all being, giver of life, and lover of all, we come now in a time of prayer and supplication, we come with hearts which are yearning for meaning, with minds searching for wisdom, with souls which are sometimes empty, and with spirits wavering between loyalty and neglect. We come to you, you who are perfect to gain fresh perspective on our lives, to find a new look at the world you have given us, and to rethink our status as your children. Let us know, O God of our Fathers, that tho you love us with an unremitting love, that you do not cater to us; let us be assured that your concern extends to the multitudes of your children in this world and in other worlds as well. Give us some sense of who you are, some comprehension of your glory, some taste of your love, then shall we bow in adoration and praise, acknowledging you to God and Lord.

On this holy day when we seek to empathize with others of your people - the hungry and the dispossessed ones, may there come to us an understanding that of whom much is given of thme shall much be expected. Shake us from our little nooks of self congratuations and apathy, throw us out of our retreats of complacency, exile us from our storehouses of planty, and call us to serve you by serving our fellows - by feeding them and clothing them. No wonder we have a time turning our faces to you sometimes, because we have turned our backs on our brothers. Grant your blessings upon our efforts to alleviate and meet the problem of hunder in our world.

We pray for each person who has gathered in this place. We know not why each has come, but you know and that is sufficient for them to receive from you. May our fellowship as your people be warm, and may real strength for living be found here, may despairing hearts be restored, may sin wracked lives be made new, may the anxious among us find peace, may the ill find healing. Whatever our needs, our Lord God, minister to us a personal ways. As we thus pary for ourselves hear now our silent intercessions for others

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 temptaton but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

O eternal God, creator, and father, spirit of life...we come near now in prayer and supplication. We have come to praise you, to give thanks to you, and we have come in humility, almost overcome by the thought that you care for us individually, that you are concerned about us separately. How it is that you order the vast limitless universe, and still find time for each of us is more than we can understand . . . so we can only contritely give our limitless praise to you, and our heart-felt gratitude.

Lord, we come too to listen to what you want to say to us, so give us sensitive ears and comprehending minds, and open hearts that we might discern your voice among the countless voices which seek our attention and response. Keep us close to Jesus..his life, teachings, spirit, sacrifice, mind..then we shall hear more clearly which is your voice. Thank you for showing us what you are, and who you are, by sending Jesus to us. May we always keep our eyes on him, listen to him, and with the power of His spirit be obedient to him.

We have come to find how we can respond to you. You have made us part of this little colony of your people called Grace Methodist. Show us how we can be a more significant part of its ministry of reconciliation, of learning, of serving, of worship, of outreach. Thank you for the varied gifts you've given us...help us to use them and appreciate not only ours but others as well.

we come also to offer you our common intercessions as we show our love and concern for others. Visit your spirit upon the leaders of our world that they may lead mankind to abundance and life and not to death and destruction; touch those who have power and wealth that they will remember that to whom much is given of him shall much be required; work by the power of your love and spirit with the ones who sorrow, who are anxious, who have faltering faith, who are adrift with no goals, who are arrogant and proud, and with those persons and situations which we now individually lift to you in this silent moment...

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God of our fathers, their strength in conflict, their guide and resource., We worship you. Be to us what our fathers said you were to them..a fortress and a refuge, for we too are tossed by the uncertainties of fate. We need peace, security, we need to find the things which endure. We need strength greater than our own.

Our fathers have said you were to them a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night to lead them. Be that to us too. For we are pilgrims still launching out into the unknown with each day as an adventure. Lead us in the paths of righteousness.

Our father said that you were to them a friend and unseen companion in whom they trusted and confided. Be that to us too. For we need divine friendship. Blessed be your name for human friendship who by their love make life beautiful. Yet the time often comes when we need to move from human friendships into divine care, and feel the everlasting arms around us.

God of our Fathers, we pray today for the nation our fathers founded. We thank you for the heritage which has come down to us, bought by others toil and tears For great character, woven into the fabric of this nation, blessed be your name. For great leaders, who in crucial times you have lifted up to direct us, blessed be your name. Help us today to see vividly the heroes of our nation who feared your name Steady our hands as we grasp the torch of the nation righteousness. Make stable our minds and hearts to understand the high trust which is ours today on our nations 200th anniversary.

Be with our nation's people. Be with those who have braved the rigors and experienced the joys of life, Bless those whose place it is now to bear the burden of leadership and support of our land. Be with the young as they move to take the place of the older generations. Often we have not handled our time so well that we can be proud. Grant that hope may be renewed, that lovers of peace will reign in our land

Be with the nations churches. We thank you for them and feel that we are inheritors of that spirit which made our nation possible..the spirit exemplified by Edwards and Wesley...So bless us all from the president to the humblest members of our nation.

Dear God, it is not our custom to be humble, but as we approach you in time of prayer, make us humble that we might adore you and praise you. For we are your creatures, and your children thru the power of Jesus Christ, you are holy and we are often profane, you are all-powerful and we are terribly weak, you are wise and we are usually foolish, you are good and we are often bad, you are love and we are often unloving. And yet you choose to love us, and you bid us come to you in prayer. And you have assured us, that you will hear our supplications. May you be able to communicate with us, because we are humble and receptive to your voice.

Hear of our thanksgiving, O Lord. We are surrounded by your care, our material needs are better supplied than nearly all of your people; so much so that in our abundance we sometimes think we are deprived and clamor for more. You have surrounded us with a community of love and understanding, of caring people and of fellow seekers after Jesus Christ. You have given us Jesus Christ to show us your love and to provide a way by which we may be restored to you. And you have endowed us with skills and abilities, with intellect and brains, with compassion and care, with the capacity to hurt for others and the ability to rejoice with them. And, thru your spirit, you have bestowed special gifts upon each of us. Let us be thankful people, Lord. Let us thank you for those meaningful gifts of relationships and affection which enrich our lives and which, with your power and guidance, we seek to nourish and fulfill.

Open now our lives to your calling. There is much that we can do. You did not give us our gifts to waste. Let our care and compassion lead us to serve our fellows better; let our intellect and thought power lead us to understanding and wisdom; let our response to Christ and your love lead us to the abundant life; and let our ability to love and be loved turn our lives around and let all hate and resentment be banished. Give us, or at least some of us, the will to dedicate ourselves more fully to you. Let us find some area of our life which we have been holding back and give it to you. Or perhaps we have not made a first step in becoming yours. Perhaps this is the time we ought to do that.

Hear now our intercessions as we wait in silence.

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

Accept the gratitude of our hearts as we recall your gracious ways with us. We thank you for the good we know, and all that is unknown to us. We praise you for the mysterious way that things can work together for good to those who love you. We thank you for enhancing our lives with joy and pleasure; for ennobling them thru pain and sorrow. We praise you for the times that the narrow circumstances brought the higher vision, the humbling experiences which brought us to a higher level; and for the bonds of duty which gave us a larger freedom.

In full surrender help us to receive your grace. In your will and purpose may we live and move and find meaning to life. Grant us true love for you in our hearts, that the mind of Christ may have complete allegiance in all we do and think.

Gracious God, we trust that our concerns are your concerns for we have care for those who are ill who are weak of body. We care for those whose spirits are engulfed in waves of fretfulness. We care for those whose lives are marked by uncertainties about the future. We care for those whose lives have been diminished because we did not care enough to stop and listen. Many are the prayers of intercession which we want to pray..

As we walk thru the week ahead we pray for your companionship so that our lives will cast a healing shadow. We have discovered, Father, that life cannot be abundant without you. Be present, then, to share our victories, to rejoice in our joy, to add strength when we falter and to sustain us when all around seems to be lost.

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Eternal God, you loved us before you created us, and from your love we were given birth, and in your love we are kept and with your love we can rise to to the glory of your expectation. O Lord, you are a gracious God, whose magnificence escapes the imagination of man and whose glory is beyond our understanding. We, your children, those whom you are redeeming, we humbly bow before you and offer our supplications.

When we consider your loving kindness, O God, we are compelled to praise and thank you. Never mind that we are often unmindful of your grace and gifts, for we know that we are a richly blest people. Far more than most other of your children, in greater measure than we deserve, in an overflowing abundance that causes us to cry when some of it is removed... that is why we ought to be thanful. Yes, and we need to be thankful for those gifts and blessings of the spirit and of the emotions. Immeasurably our lives are enriched by your love, the love of others, and the love of Jesus Christ. Almost without limit we have been blest by the concern of others, by the duties and responsibilities to which we have faithful responded, and by opportunities to express and act out concern in the life of others. ~~Even, Lord, have we been matured by the hurts, the pains, and the detours which have occasionally marked our paths. We are thankful, loving Father, make us more grateful.~~

Yet we stand in great need...a closer walk with you would lighten our paths, ease our loads, and make plain why we are here. To that end, will you clear the path for those who seek to love, for those who seek to do away with hate; will you guide those whose way seems clouded and caution those whose way seems all to clear; will you call us to deeper commitment and cause those who are over committed to ask questions; will you let us taste your power when we are weak and will you weaken those who are overconfident in their strength. Whatever our need that keeps us from being truly yours..attend to it.

Now Lord we want you to hear our concerns and our cares...about ourselves, about others, about things Listen to us in this quiet moment. R Fa who Rt n hvn hlwd b t nm tkgm cm t wll b dn on er as it is n hvn gv us ts d r dy br & 4gv us r trs as w fgv tos hoo trs agst us & ld us n n2 tmt budliv usfr ev..4

Eternal God, who causes the seasons to come and go, and who makes the fruits of the earth to minister to the needs of man, we are thankful that you have brought us again to the time of harvest, and that, according to your promise, seedtime and harvest have not failed. We offer you our thanksgiving and pray that you will feed our souls on the bread of life

Lord God, who from the beginning of our lives, has touched us, chastened us, and lifted us, grant that our prayers and supplications may be acceptable to you. You are the provider, we are the receivers; you are the Father, we are the children; you open your hand and we are fed; you close your hand and we are in want. Have mercy on us according to your love and compassion.

It is with thanksgiving we recollect the happy hours when friendships made offerings of love and brought satisfactions to our hearts; when music, and art, and beauty moved our ~~hearts~~ ^{senses}; when memory moved our spirits and severed cords of love were momentarily restored; and when the call to duty and work engaged our wills.

It is with thanksgiving we remember the days of sorrow and the comfort given; the days of pain and the grace received; the days of loss and disappointment and your constant care and presence.

It is with joyous ~~hearts~~ hearts that we recall the mystic moments when nature enfolded us; from gardens and bird songs, from brooks and placid pools, from meadows and flowers, from high mountains and snow; and when we have felt upon our brows the breath of your benediction.

In gratitude we rejoice in your faithfulness. For sins forgiven, the the body's healing, for the hope of eternity, for the certainty that dreams do come true, for tender love and care given us. We praise you for Jesus Christ. We know that we can only bow with Paul and say "Thanks be to Thee for this inexpressible gift". Accept our thanksgiving, and give us the will to accept your will for our lives.

Eternal God, who dwell~~est~~^{est} in the farthest places of the universe but who ~~do~~^{do} enter also into human experience, even the lives of each of us we worship ~~thee~~^{thee}. We come into ~~thy~~^{thy} presence for ~~thy~~^{your} presence is like a healing balm to our distraught and anxious spirits. We come because we want a new lease on life, a glimpse of new understanding of its meaning and richness.

Our father, we turn to ~~thee~~^{you} because ~~you alone~~^{you alone are} art the true Ruler of our lives, and in ~~thee~~^{you} alone we find pardon for our sins, and the strength to live in honesty and purity of heart. May we hear today the word of welcome spoken by Jesus Christ to each of us, whoever we are and whatever our loy~~y~~^y might be.

We thank ~~thee~~^{you} for all that has brought us joy during the week that is past - a glimpse of ~~thy~~^{your} beauty in the colors of nature, of ~~thy~~^{your} majesty in the pattern of the skies, of ~~thy~~^{your} love in a kindly gesture and a gracious word, of ~~thy~~^{your} joy in the laughter of a child. We thank ~~thee~~^{you} today for the worship that arises from every land and language, as the human family reaches out to ~~thee~~^{you} in adoration and praise and in hope. We thank ~~thee~~^{you} for Jesus Christ who has~~ed~~^{ed} made vital the yearning our spirits feel for communion with ~~thy~~^{your} spirit.

Make this to be a day when burdens are lifted and fears removed. May the living Christ walk with his love thru the twisted corridors of our modern world, subduing evil passions, hatreds and plans for violence, empowering those who battle against crime and injustice, hunger and poverty and establishing ~~thy~~^{your} kingdom in the homes and hearts of men.

We pray for ~~thy~~^{your} holy presence with those who are sorrowful, who feel the painful loss of a loved one; for ~~thy~~^{your} holy light to be open to those who stumble in darkness; for ~~thy~~^{your} holy mercy to be made known to this who feel the burden of sin; and for ~~thy~~^{your} holy strength to be granted to those who are faltering. And ~~that~~^{that} may that holy presence to be us all a source of enrichment, of challenge and strength for living acceptable and presentable lives in an unholy age.

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Eternal God, our Father, you come to meet your people when they search for you, come to us now that we may speak to you and you to us. We recognize, perhaps only vaguely, your creative power and your majesty, and you love as revealed in Jesus Christ. So we praise you, we humble ourselves in your presence. We acknowledge you to be God demanding justice, yet showering us with love.

O God, come and be within each of us and release the best that we have. Help us to follow up on our moments of inspiration and noble ideas which occasionally come to us. Let them become permanent parts of our lives. Let us, with courage and with assistance from your Spirit, hold in check the movements of cynicism and doubt which sometimes come to us.

Lord, we offer thanksgiving to you. It is sometimes a feeble thing, but in our thoughtful moments we know how blessed we are. We are loved, and we can love; we can be compassionate and receive compassion. There are so many spiritual strengths which we have which serve us well for enrichment, and warning. Then there are those blessings outside...material plenty, friends, daily sustenance; and even those opportunities which masquerade as tension and pain. Help us to be thankful for your greatest gift...your love in J. Christ.

O God, you are the Father of all and your concern extends to all people. Our concern seeks to extend to all people, too. So we offer prayers of intercession. For our nation and its leadership, grant a resurgence of faith and integrity in high places; for the world, send to the nations the Prince of Peace so that brotherhood will reign.

Come now with your healing power to the ill and the weak; the broken and the anxious - some of whom are members of our fellowship; Come to those who are confused about life and its purpose; come to those who need strength for each day and a confident trust for the days to come; come to those whose sin has undone them and tell them of the second chance in Jesus Christ; come to the troubled and the bereaved with a touch of your strong and tender hand; come Lord and minister to all of us. 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

Coleman Anderson

Eternal Spirit, We have gathered together today for varied reasons. We want to further understand what it means to be your people, so we pray that you will enter into our minds and spirits, giving us insights into the privileges and responsibilities of belonging to the community of the chosen ones

We want to express our thanksgiving and gratitude to you. You are both a giving and a demanding God. We thank you for those touches of springtime and joy which brighten our days and lift our souls from lowness to exaltation. We know that it is not necessarily the quantity of life which makes it abundant, rather its depths and quality count more. For Christ we praise you. Thank you for the love of family and friend, the chances of work and service, the growing power inherent in suffering and pain, the ease brought by plenty, and the blessings of life's necessities.

And we have come together because we need strength and renewal. If we have been serious this past week about being your witnesses we have been sapped of our energies and our spiritual power has waned. As we celebrate and worship renew us and empower us for the week ahead.

Lord, we come because we are concerned. We pray especially for those who have not taken their discipleship seriously. Lead them to see the importance of doing so. We pray for those who suffer, for those whose minds are disturbed or never matured; for those whose emotions are a storm tossed sea of fear and doubt, for those who have never had opportunity to realize their potential, for those who are satisfied with less than the life for which they were made; for those who think they know their condition but do not know Christ, for those must die soon and for those who cannot wait to die.

Thank you, Father, for answering our intercessions of the past...for the healings, the new insights, the comfort, and the guidance.

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Almighty God, Lord and Creator and
redeemer, we come to you with humble and
grateful hearts. We are anticipating your ^{coming} ~~coming~~
into our lives at any moment. Help us to be
ready. Give us sensitive spirits that we may not
miss your spirit as it brushes the deep places
of our hearts and lives.

We thank you for the great hope we can share
~~during this season, and, at all times, when we~~
trust you. We thank you that you offer us, in
Jesus Christ, the way to personal abundance
and the way to peace and brotherhood. We
thank you that our Lord has shown us the
path to eternity in fellowship with you.
Accept our praise for the rich blessing we
daily have... home, family, friends, enough
materially, strength for times of stress, and
humility in times of joy. And for the Christ
we are grateful.

We thank you for those who love you, for
those who witness faithfully to your saving
love, we thank you for those who serve
you through the Church and for those whom
you are now leading to Christiana decisions.

Be with our people today as we, in faith,
prepare for the Communion of next year.
Guide and direct our president, our Governor,
our Congressman and all others in public
leadership. Guide and direct our bishop
and our superintendents. Be with our
Church - locally and as a denomination -
as she experiences the pains of desertion and
stress. We are more faithful to you, and
yet responsive to those who make it up.

Hear our intercession for the hungry and
the hopeless, the fearful and the
foully, the sick & the sinful. A call
those who enter the valley of pain, of
bereavement, of disappointment. In this

quiet moment, hear our prayers

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

God of our Fathers, and Lord of the unknown and the known, you have been our stay of all generations and will be our shield for all the tomorrows which stretch before us, we have come apart for worship and celebration. Another week has dawned and we seek renewal of our energies and spirits - a refreshment which can come only from you. We ask for a visitation of your power in our midst this morning..moving us, condemning us, challenging us, forgiving us, empowering us.

For these moments we cast aside every care, weight and worry which beset us. Give us eyes to see the mighty things and to comprehend what you desire of us. Then we shall be able to face life and face it squarely and live it for your glory. Give us a fine sense of value that we may not needlessly waste our energy and substance chasing after the rainbows of fading values which evaporate once they are reached. Rather place in our hearts a firm resolve to follow after love, and sacrifice, and peace, and beauty. Indeed, may we be found giving our commitment to those verities from which eternity is forged. Then life when ended will be renewed in your presence. Let us find the resource and the courage which will enable us to risk our lives in your hands, let us take a chance on trusting you more, serving you more, and loving you more.

We pray for deliverance from the raw practicality which our world demands, and from the temptation to reduce all values to worldly levels. May we comprehend beauty for its own sake. For the things of life which have the dimensions of depth and height, we pray. Forgive us lest we miss life because we are living it.

Hear our thanksgiving, O God. Let praise rule our hearts, and gratitude subdue our spirits. Each of us, when we are honest, could draw an endless list of your blessings - some obvious and many not so obvious. Make us grateful people.

Hear now our intercessions..we call to our remembrance and lift to you those who are ill, those who bear heavy responsibility, those who suffer, those who mourn the loss of a loved one, and those who stand in need of love and concern which is yours but which we all may help to mediate
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Almighty God, Father of all, creator of everything, and the sustaining power in your created order, we turn to you in prayer and supplication, acknowledging you to be the Lord, the master and the determiner of our destinies. We praise you for your glory and power, we rejoice in your love and mercy.

We pray, O Lord, for a new understanding of you and of ourselves - especially ourselves. For once we see ourselves, we can better see others and you. Help us to uncover ourselves, to take off the masks by which we try to deceive others and you, but by which we only succeed in deceiving ourselves. Grant us the courage to risk ourselves to you, responding to your call in particular ways. Let us trust that you will accept us as we are...then perhaps one day we shall trust ourselves with others. Let us cease our vain attempts to hide from you; knowing that one day we must stand before you stripped of all pretense, and unarmed with the mechanism we use now to protect ourselves.. Help us to love you fully, for love casts out fear..in loving you we need have no fear.

Thank you for Jesus Christ in whose life and sacrifice we see humanity in its purest form, and in whom we can know the fullness which you desire us all to strive for. We thank you for your love which brought our Lord to us. We thank you for your concern shown so wonderfully in your continuing presence with us thru your spirit. Your action in Christ is our greatest joy, your greatest gift. Yet we thank you for everything that enriches life ...the relationships, the experiences, the opportunities, the hopes, your freely given blessings, the commitment you call us to.

Move now, gracious Lord, among your people gathered here, fulfilling their needs. Move in the midst of your people wherever they are bringing healing to the sick, courage to the faint hearted, hope to the despairing, dignity to those who have lost self-esteem, love to unloved, and fulfillment of dreams to those who have courage to dream.

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Almighty God, we count it a privilege and a necessity to join together for a time of worship and celebration. Since your majesty is above us, and your glory incomprehensible to us, we bow now in humble adoration and awe in your presence.

We thank you for the privilege of coming together. We are grateful for the common tie of commitment to Jesus Christ which unites us, and we praise you that He has spoken to us and asked us to be disciples and followers. We thank you that we who are your creatures are so loved by you the creator that you bid us come to you. Our gratitude is great about so much: the prayers you have answered, the guidance you have given, the strength you have provided, the loving community of family and friends you have placed us in, the opportunities of growth and service which surround, a world thru which we may exercise our energies and skills and bring blessings from it, but most of all our praise is raised to you because of your gift of Jesus Christ to us. Help us to respond to your blessings by offering more of ourselves to be used in your service/

O Lord we would pray for insight and strength so that we will be enabled to be more effective witnesses in our lives . . . not so much by what we say, or even thru what we do, but by the kind of people we are. Lay your hand upon persons here today, and call them to your side, and thru your spirit bring them new life. Indeed visit with each of us that we might become aware of your love and your commandments.

Hear now our God our intercessions. Heal those who are ill, whether that illness be of body or mind or spirit; Open doors to those who feel that life has imprisoned them; grant vision to those who must make decisions, give courage to those whose strength has withered away; and to all your people here gathered... fulfill their yearnings and their needs.

Now gracious God listen to our thoughts and our hearts and we share them with you in these silent moments....

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, & forgive us our trespasss as we forgive those who trespass against us, & lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thou art the kingdom, & the power, & the glory forever. Amen.

Eternal Spirit, who at first brooded over chaos and brought order from it; brood, we ask you, over our souls. For our lives are disordered and amid the pressures of the present world lose their meaning, direction and aim. We need faith to undergird us, high hopes to allure us, great resources to strengthen us. Hover over your waiting and worshipping people and draw our lives together and make them whole.

Start by making us thankful people..not with lips only but with our lives attuned to the heart throb of the universe, your Holy Spirit, and issuing forth in caring and loving ways among our fellow man. Let us gratitude be a way of life, a way that leads others into the abundant and meaningful life.

Lord our prayers are often one-sided. So we pray today not only for the usual things, but for the unusual as well.

We pray not only for the sick, but the well as well, lest pride rule happy hearts; we pray not only for the troubled, but also for the favored ones, let peace with the world be confused with peace with God; we pray not only for the dying, but for the living since they face eternity, too; we pray not only for the burdened, but for the casual, lest indolence rot the soul; we pray not only for the leaders of governments, but also for the people, because it is they who pay the cost of misrule when it comes; we pray not for missionaries on foreign shores, but also for the rest of us who do not yet know that the family of your people grows smaller each year; we pray not only for the ministers of the gospel, but also for the people of the gospel, since all who believe are called to be doers of the Word and not hearers only; we pray not only for fair weather, but for bad weather as well, since nature is impartial and the human estimates of good and bad are not conclusive; we pray not only for sinners to turn and be saved, but for the rest of us who think we have little if any sin and are in greater need of repentance and healing; and finally we pray not only for others, but also for ourselves because salvation and righteousness begin at the household of God.

Accept us and empower us and use us.

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Almighty God, in whose love and care the whole created order has been placed, we, as your people, now offer our prayers to you. We acknowledge you to be the Lord and try to worship you as you deserve. Some of us have felt your guiding hand and presence these past days, and have been lifted from the edge of despair and meaninglessness...but some are still drifting. Some of us have sensed your power and majesty and have been lifted...but some are still prisoners of the earth. Some have caught a vision have have been inspired...but some have no vision and are perishing.

We are thankful that you have seen fit to be with us this morning, and we are grateful for what you are doing...moving in our hearts, renewing our spirits, and reopening claims and callings which we have attempted to close. And it is not without some fear that we offer ourselves once again to you. We don't know the full implication of giving ourselves in commitment to you, yet, give us the will to trust the future into your hands. Probably, if we do, everything will not be without strain and some pain, but our way hasn't been too satisfactory and fulfilling. Perhaps in yielding to you we shall find the abundant life. Give us the strength to try.

There are a number of things with which we are concerned, and we lift them to you in prayer asking you to shed light and grace upon them. We think of our church, its mission and its need for individual and collective dedication; we think of the staggering needs of the world around us; we think of those with whom life seems to be only a boring charade; of those who are in great sorrow because of the death or illness or disaappointment; of those who seem to have no reason for being; of those tied to sin and prevented from being truly free under Christ; then there are the ill and wounded, the tempted and the undecided. For these conditions and all other conditions of your people we intercede and offer ourselves in whatever way we can be used.

Help us, O Lord, to be active disciples rather than verbal supporters only of your way. May our long time commitments now be used to take us into actively doing the works of our Lord

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Eternal God, who was before time began, who is now, and who will be when time has passed away, we ponder in prayer the meaning of the days you have given us. We know that once one is gone it does not return. Teach us something of the preciousness of time ~~and~~ give us the will to use it wisely as it inches its way thru our existence. Open us to the possibilities of each new moment and prepare us to celebrate with joy each minute we have.

Thank you for the past. With its joys and disappointments, it has been a time of growth, or victory, and of defeated despair. Thank you for the present, replete as it is with peril, and so with challenge and opportunity. It is the time you have given to mold our life into pattern and meaning. Thank you for the future..unkown, untarnished, and frightful. Yet we confidently move into it because we know that you will be there...the same as you were yesterday and are today, but with ever new joys and callings. May we know that our aspirations will find fulfillment in the year ahead.

Now, Lord, we pray for those for whom time has become a burden because they have lost hope, or have outlived friends, and are now lonely. We pray for those who are imprisoned by the past because of regret, or sin, or mistake. We ask your care upon those whose present is torn by anxiety and is uncertain because of indcisiveness. Give your loving concern to those whose present is void and empty because of law aim, or because of lack of love. We pray for those who look to tomorrow with fear and trembling. We know not what each day will bring forth..we only know that we can wake to your present claims and that the hour of serving you is always present. Let us be open to the lessons of the past, the opportunities of the present, and may we capture the visions of the future.

Father God, minister to our needs. We pray for the members of this congregation. Some we could call by name, Some are lonely some are ill, some are hiding sin, some find it impossible to care, some face decisions, some have nagging doubts, some are hesitant about making commitments to you, some want to get out of their present rut, some want relief from so much activity. Whatever our need minister to us...

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 look to you in this brief time of prayer in the faith that you care enough to be attentive, even tho we often don't care enough to listen to you. Will you take note of the hidden needs and pains which we bring today and act on them according to your love and our willingness to accept it? And will you cause us to take less note of those selfish things which mar our attempts to be your people. Direct us beyond ourselves, to others, to Christ, to you.

Lord, make us instruemnts of peace..where there is complacency may we disturb; where there is disturbance may we discipline; where there is indifference, may we speak judgement; where there is guilt, may we accept and forgive; where there is dehumanization let us seek justice; where there is compromise let us foster righteousness. . .lest we settle for the peace that only the world can give.

Grant, O Lord, that we shall not seek to be popular, but faithful; that we shall not try to call others to be acceptable to other men, but will call them to be accpetable to you; that we shall not judge the worth of a person by things, but rather judge his worth by your love; that we shall not be impressed with with human titles and power but respect the quality of character; that we shall not seek the holiness of beauty, but seek the beauty of holiness; that we shall call^{not} only our friends brother, but that we shall call our enemies brothers as well.

We are grateful people, glad to be alive, happy to have friend and neighbors, rejoicing because of the beauty which surrounds us, and amazed that you have granted us energies and skills thru which we can mold the world arround us. We are thankful for the grace which comes from you giving meaning and joy to living. Without your grace, without your purposes, we would be as the animals and as the stones. As we proclaim joyous thanksgiving with our lips let us show forth our gratitude in service and self-giving.

Hear now the intercessions which we each think about in these moments..those persons, those places, those circumstances, needing the touch of you love and power. Bring your ministry of peace and reconciliation to others thru us, if you believe enough in us..-

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Almighty God, from whom the earth received its form and from whom we received a span of time in a body inhabited by an eternal spirit, we turn to you in these moments of prayer. We have a sense, however vague, of your greatness and majesty - enough that we have been moved to worship. Remind us of our creaturehood that we might not be overcome with pride, let us remember our frailty that we might not become arrogant and let us be mindful of weaknesses that we might not deceive ourselves with our strengths.

We thank you, gracious God, that we can come to you in prayer and worship. Surely it is not because you have need of our goodness but sure it is because of your love for us that you are attentive and are ready to receive us. We thank you. We praise you for all of that which enriches the life you have entrusted to our care. We are grateful for your gift of yourself in Jesus Christ and can only respond to you in love and service when we recognize the greatness of that gift because he is the difference between life and death, between heaven and hell.

Hear now Lord, our intercessions. We pray for the world .. a world which you loved enough to send your son to it. We pray for its leaders and its peoples. We pray for our church, as it enters into a new period of emphasis. May she always be faithful to fullness of the gospel as in the next several years we take special concern for the hungry, for the spreading of the your saving love in evangelism, and she seeks to add vigor and life to the ethnic churches of our community of faith. Bless not only our denomination but our conference and this local church as well. May we look to you for our help and may we move unafraid into the future.

Now O God heed the prayers and concerns which we now in silence lay before you

Or Fthr, wh art n hvn, hllwd be thy nme, thy kgdm cm, thy wl be dn on rth as it is in hvn. gv us ths dy r dly brd. & frgv us r trsp as we frg ths who trsp agnst us. & ld us nt n2 tmptn but dlvr us fr evl; 4th thn is th kgd, pwr glry frvr. Amen

Lord God we join now in this community of prayer an intercession. Your nearness is always a reality of our experience, yet we feel a special closeness to you when we pray and meditate. And now we turn to you in prayer. And as we approach we are aware of your greatness and holiness of your beauty and your power. But we confidently come to you in the trust that your concern and love grants us such a privilege. May we never take lightly our estate as your children. Help us to behave in a manner which is befitting of our high calling. Come to us in your power and still the ceaseless restlessness which causes us to question your love, come to us and tell us tenderly that we no longer need fret and be anxious for Jesus Christ has come and made things right between us and you. Come to us, come to us and remove that prideful rebellion which continually bruises your heart and gives us pain and disharmony. Come to us when we are discouraged, defeated and despairing and remind us that we live by hope, a hope which is warranted by your never ceasing care. O Lord God, why should be fear, why should we drive ourselves insanely into obstacles and barriers, why should be worry and fret, why should we become weary and worn? Have we not learned, do we not know, have we not experienced, that you are with us ... wanting to hand to us that which we need for life..for the abundant life.

Help us to relax, help us to open our lives, help us to consciously say to you and to ourselves "Lord you gave me my life, now take control of it". Above all gifts, except the gift of Jesus Christ, give us hope, a hope that renews our lives, a hope that gives them purpose, and a hope that lightens today whatever the darkness be which covers it.

We look to you expressing our praise and gratitude. We can only guess at the magnitude of your love, the number of your gifts, and the importance of your presence. Thank you O Lord God.

Now Lord listen to our intercessions
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Eternal God, our help in ages past, our hopes for years to come, at this moment of time we gather to worship ~~thee~~^{you}. Away from the everyday life our thoughts turn to introspection and contemplation. Be ~~thou~~ real to us now, for we need the glimpse of eternal truth amidst the demands and callings of the temporal. Place us now at the disposal of ~~thy~~^{your} spirit. whisper to us, but clearly, the clear gospel message of salvation in Jesus Christ.

On this day when we honor and remember our mothers bring to the surface those tender and cherished memories, those precious and vital associations of the present. With praise in our voices, but often with loneliness in our hearts we thank ~~thee~~^{you} for motherhood - particularly that grand child of thine that ~~thou~~^{you} permitted each of us to call mother. For those dear souls living and dead who were for us the embodiment of love, patience, self-giving understanding we are grateful. We pray that we may be faithful to the heritage bequeathed to us by those who bore us, nourished us and guided us thru the years. For us are captive of star of light over the path of life, that star left there and supported by our mothers.

For those who bear the responsibility of motherhood we pray. For this most important of all tasks wouldst ~~thou~~^{you} give those who are mothers the deepest guidance. Grant heavenly Father that no mother will take her responsibilities lightly for under her hand rests the destiny of some child. For the homes of our land we pray. Cause us to recapture the vitality and integrity of family life. May we, each of us, mother, father, child, grandparent, display the courage sacrifice needed for making children mature and Christ like.

For those homes where the tender voice of the mother is no longer heard save in the memory of those who loved her we pray. Heal the ache and void left there, by causing us to give the love which can no longer be given to her to some worthy and holy purpose in the world. And may each of today find ~~thee~~^{you} as the strength and healer of all our needs, the challenger to live better, the example of what we ought to be, and the inspiration for deeds of love and mercy.

Eternal Spirit thou fountain of life and whose sparkling streams of meaning and purposes are available to us, we rejoice that thou dost care and love so much. How it can be that thou dost desire our companionship stretches our imagination. Why it is that thou hast called us thine own and made us restless until we find union with thy ways is not in our understanding. We only rejoice and offer thee this sacrifice of praise and worship.

Our eyes are subjected, heavenly father, to so many shouts calling for our loyalty that often our strength has wavered and we have worshipped Gods with other voices. Sometimes, dear God, these other voices offer what seems to our limited minds hope and meaning and purpose. We ask for thy patience with us. . thy forgiveness for straying way from thee.

For we know, deep down, that there is only one voice which can grant us the life abundant. And that is the voice of Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Grant us therefore gracious Lord the wherewithal to discern that voice amid all the clamor of the day, and give our allegiance to it whatever the cost might be.

We beseech thee for assurances that thou art still working in our frame of existence to bring peace and blessings to all. Use the leadership of the world to further thy ways. Use the dedication of those who recognize thee as Master to witness effectively in all their relationships for the true, the beautiful and the good. Thou hast entrusted us with the message of salvation. Strengthen us so that we shall not fail.

Now gracious God attend to all those who present special need to thee this morning that thy amazing grace might be made real and thy name be praise.

Eternal Father, reverently now we bow before thee recognizing the great cost of our salvation. We remember how love had to walk the way of agony and sacrifice for us.

Humbly we would bow before thee, knowing our unworthiness. Forgive the fitfulness of ^{our} faith, our transient moods of spiritual enthusiasm, the faltering way in which we follow. Look upon us with the eyes of understanding love.

Wilt thou ^{so} draw us to thyself and share with us thy strength, that despite our frailty we may be dependable disciples of Jesus Christ.

As we remember his last night upon earth we ask thy special blessings as we worship. We remember his agony in the garden. We remember the headache and the pain. We take special courage in his spiritual triumph. Thru these precious elements of his supper wilt thou teach us to live for him who died for us.

Bless all who are gathered here tonight. Give unto us deeper understanding and a spiritual awareness because we have this night been together with thee. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, who hast chosen and called us to serve in thy church, all our trust is in thee, for in thee are the springs of life. Hear now our voices as we lift them to thee in thanksgiving for this feast of love and remember; for its meaning and for its power of restoration. Abundantly give us of thy holy spirit, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, and use ~~it~~ us as it shall please thee for the glory of thy name. Increase our faith, mellow our judgement, stir our zeal, deepen our devotion. Let our lives enforce what our lips utter. Do thou choose for us the work we do and the place in which we do it, the success we win and the harvest we reap. Preserve us from jealousy and impatience; from self-will and depression. Make us faithful unto death and give us at last the crown of life. For the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Eternal God, As we join in prayer help us to be alert to your spirit as it moves in our hearts and souls; and help us to be aware of your holiness and your greatness. Let your voice be heard in the inner recesses of our being, let your will capture the wills, and let the mind of our Lord Jesus Christ come an alter our thinking, our ways of looking at things. May we have some inspiration of your power and your presence . . . otherwise we shall not be able to let you have your way

with us. We praise and glorify your name, for we recognize you to be King of the universe and master of human life.

When we consider your goodness and your compassion, we bow in humble thanksgiving. For we admit that without you, without your spirit, without what you freely give we would be like the animals, or even like the stones. We thank you for creating us in your image. We are not sure of all that means, we do recognize that we are special in your sight. We thank you for that . . . and pray that you will help us to behave and act like your children. We thank you for the providence of your will and way which attend our daily lives . . . blessing it with an abundance in providing for our physical needs; and giving an abundance of spiritual care. We pray that we will be able to acknowledge the unseen gifts of the spirit which have added depth and meaning to our lives. We thank you for the gift of conscience. As much as it bothers us sometimes, we thank you for the sensitivity and the compassion with which you have blessed us. We pray that we will be able to be sensitive not only to the needs of others, but to our own deep needs, too.

In our praying, we want to acknowledge our concern about the circumstances and situations of others. Some face dire and poverty surroundings, some face grave decisions, some need courage to face the results of decision, some need to have sin forgiven, some await anxiously your will in the illness which has come to them. Will you act in those lives. Then we are concerned about our world . . . Its leaders stand in need of courage and wisdom in making choices which affect millions of people. Will you grant them that courage and wisdom, even if they do not seek it? To all of us, grant your healing and challenging presence. . . that thru us as faithful instruments you might accomplish some good this week.