

O God of us all, whose wisdom is beyond
 the reaches of our minds, ~~whose wisdom is beyond~~
~~the reaches of our minds~~ whose mercy is kinder
 than our wanderings, and whose redeeming
 love is deeper than our sins: We
 bow in humility before Thee. By Thy goodness
 our souls are fed. By Thy truth our minds
 are enlightened. By Thy Son, Jesus Christ,
 we have forgiveness and life abundant.

O Lord, we confess that too much we have
 lived as if there were no God. We have followed our
 own way as if Jesus had never lived. We have
~~put on our own way~~ dressed ourselves up
 outwardly without adorning ourselves inwardly.
 We have built fine mansions in which to live,
 but have not bothered to learn how to live.
 We have pursued the things that perish
 in the grasping, and have been indifferent to these
 treasures of the spirit in which there is eternal
 security. We have been serious over the trivial
 and trivial over the serious. O God, have mercy
 upon us, and forgive us.

O Lord, may some insight pierce through
 our nationalizations to revive our hunger for Thee.
 Cause the music of the gospel to stir the lost chords
 of our souls that a new song may be sung in our hearts.
 May your Holy Spirit burn through the sham of our
 lives. ~~May~~ ~~It~~ ~~bring~~ ~~away~~ ~~false~~ ~~barriers~~, ~~rekindling~~

love that has grown cold, and allowing the best
in each one to have its way. May Jesus Christ
and His Church have a more Compelling Claim
upon our lives than ever before.

~~But less the young people of His Church since
they know not what a day may bring forth,
and that the hour for sleeping and sewing
is present, give us the courage to
yield to Christ this day and the days
ahead.~~

Father: in your will our lives are lived, and
by your wisdom truth is found. We pray
for graduates who finish a course
of study, and now move on to something
new. Take away anxiety, or confusion
of purpose; and give them a confidence
in the future you plan, whose energies
may be gathered up & given to neighbors
in love.