

Gracious God, from whom every goodness flows, all light emanates, and all life - centering peace comes, look with mercy upon us as we worship Thee. With steadiness of attention, resolute of heart and clarity of thought, enable us to be edified in an encounter with the living Christ, Our Savior, Our Redeemer. Through Thy Spirit convict us of our transgressions and by Thy power make us clean and whole again, and we'll be whole indeed.

We confess we often carry to excess our reactions to the stress we feel. Then through rationalization we justify our indulgence. Discouragement keeps us to despair; anger, to depression; tension, to anxiety; harassment, to withdrawal; incapacitation, to self-pity; rejection, to loneliness.

Our lives are enlivened by small gifts from nature that sensitize and deepen our spirits. Our lives are ~~enriched~~ ^{enlivened} & deepened and matured by significant relationships in the human family: the warm acceptance of loved one, the infectious laughter of children, the deep ties of friendships.

We pray O God, for those who would ^{not} go to school, go to work, go to the doctor, go to church, go home.

We intercede for those who resent their jobs, their economic status, their parents, their suffering, their appearance, their birth.

Our heart cries out for those who know the stifling trap of unreleased anger. We pray for them.

To sustain a hard edge of resentment is a way
of life, for when others are a nuisance
to be endured and who feels helpless, Al-
one, and afraid.

In the Redeemer's Name we pray,



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