

Almighty God, who established Order out of Chaos, light out of darkness, and man from the dust of the earth; Create that spirit within us which would make us Grateful for our Creation and the life we know through Faith in the Son of God.

Lord, we confess Centering sins of attitude; we tend to embrace regionalisms, ignoring the whole for the part that is comfortable; we adhere to personal Creeds of questionable Value so as to keep pleasure and deep joy continually confused; We enjoy censure and criticism that fits our mold for how people should behave; We extol the Virtues of greedy and selfish people to our detriment. In short, we easily deceive ourselves through muddy thinking and paltry prejudices; We come to Thee acknowledging this distortion of our personhood. Grant us restoration, renewal, and the Courage to submit our attitudes to the scrutiny of Higher Law.

Lord, we thank Thee for all good and high and noble purposes that have used us and by which we have been moved to right wrongs, Create beauty and make our world a better place in which to live.

For ourselves and all others, we pray that our words may express the inward essence of who we are. May we never when too lay our labors down and rest; then, on the Sabbath, may we choose to worship and wait, as in Thy leading & love we best conform to the image of Jesus our Lord. In whose Name...

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