

(inv.)

OH LORD OUR GOD,  
THOU WHO HAST MADE US IN THINE OWN IMAGE,  
HELP US WE PRAY TO REFLECT ALWAYS THAT IMAGE  
OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,  
AND NEVER TO OBSCURE IT WITH THE UGLY SMUDGE  
OF OUR WILFUL DISOBEDIENCE.

WE KNOW THAT THOU HAST GIVEN US THE GIFTS  
OF REASON AND INTELLIGENCE,  
AND THAT THOU DOST NOT PUT A PREMIUM ON IGNORANCE,  
BUT WE PRAY THAT THOU WILT SAVE US FROM THE  
INTELLECTUAL CONCEIT  
THAT IS UNAWARE OF ITS OWN DEATH RATTLE.

KEEP US FROM THE FAD TO BE GLIBLY MODERN  
RATHER THAN ETERNALLY RIGHT.

LET US NOT BE CONTENT TO BECOME CLOCK-PUNCHING  
TROUBLE SHOOTERS, ~~XX~~

CONTINUALLY TINKERING WITH THAT WHICH IS TRIVIAL.  
FORBID THAT WE SHOULD BECOME THE  
VICTIMS OF A HUNDRED ALLURING GOALS,  
THE END OF WHICH IS PERSONAL DISASTER.

GIVE US, WE PRAY, JUST ONE ULTIMATE LOYALTY,—  
A SINGLE-MINDED RESOLUTION TO LOVE GOD MORE PERFECTLY,  
(AND A WILLINGNESS TO SACRIFICE AND SUFFER  
EVEN UNTO DEATH,  
RATHER THAN TO VIOLATE OUR FAITH  
AND TO MAKE A CONTINUAL BUTCHERY OF OUR CONSCIENCE)

AMEN.

*and worship Him more sincerely.*