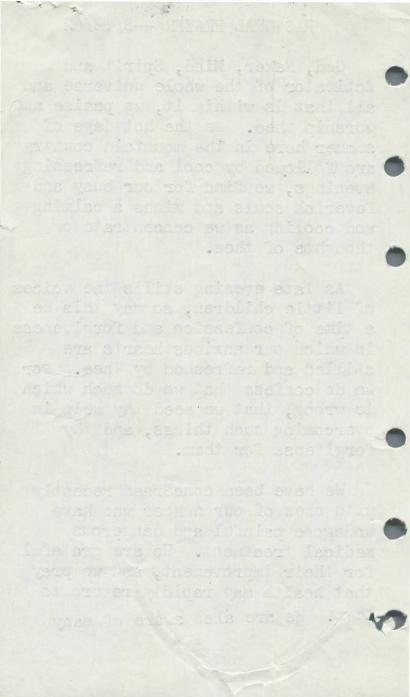
PASTORAL PRAYER --8/18/62

God, Maker, Mind, Spirit and Activator of the whole universe and all that is within it, we praise and worship thee. As the hot days of summer here in the mountain country are followed by cool and refreshing evenings, we find for our busy and feverish souls and minds a calming and cooling as we concentrate on thoughts of thee.

As late evening stills the voices of little children, so may this be a time of confession and forgiveness in which our anxious hearts are stilled and refreshed by Thee. For we do confess that we do much which is wrong, that we need thy help in overcoming such things, and thy forgivenss for them.

We have been concerned recently with ones of our number who have undegone painful and dangerous medical treatment. We are grateful for their improvement, and we pray that health may rapidly return to them. We are also aware of many



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other needs and problems among ourselves and mixtime among those for whom we are responsible in some ways, and we pray thy help in these areas. Above all, we would have the patience and understanding to accept whatever solution thou dost grant to our problems, in a spirite of faith and love.

During this hour we would be strengthened in understanding and faith because we have drawn near thee.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

