

PASTORAL PRAYER

6/17/62

Our Father and Our God, we praise thee. Thou who art creator of the four seasons of the year, as well as of all else, in this new summertime we find beauty that makes stronger our faith in thee.

We have confessed that we are not all that we should be, and we so confess again. We are grateful for thy forgiveness. We are grateful, too, for such a myriad of good things from Thee that we cannot even think of them all.

We desire and pray for many things. The newly-wedded who need stronger love for each other's personality than for the body need guidance; and we ask it for them. The aged who may feel separated and lost and lonely are in our thoughts and prayers. Children who by now may be finding <sup>that</sup> the hours of school-free days are stretching long, are in our prayers. We need wisdom and devotion to guide them, and not merely to try to keep them as much out of sight as possible. For the personnel of our reserve military forces who unde



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go annual special training away from home at this time of year, we pray that they may have a spirit of service which will help them while away, as well as at home, to be true to their highest ideals. These people are especially in our thoughts at this time of year, but we would think of all others who need thee too, and add them to our prayer.

Help us in this worship to concentrate on serious christian truth, and if we find it to be faithful to it.

We pray all this in Jesus name.

Amen.

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