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O God, Father, Creator, Ruler, we praise Thee. We are tiny beside Thee, and we marvel at the thought that Thou canst even notice us. We are grateful for Jesus, who assures us that Thou not only dost notice each of us, but that Thou dost love every one of us. We are glad, too, that Jesus showed and taught us the type of living which we should do.

We confess that we are failures in many of our efforts. Like the fish that after great preparation and a long journey may find a waterfall too great for its efforts, we find that somehow at times there just isn't in us the moral strength to do the thing we believe Thou dost want. For this, and for our other shortcomings, we confess, and are sorry.

We can hardly believe that Thou dost forgive all that is wrong in our past; that Thou dost want only that we recognize the wrong, that we be truly sorry for it, and that we confess to Thee our shortcomings, then try again. Give us the faith to accept Thy forgiveness. We thank Thee for it, and for all Thy blessings.

Lead us in this service. Accept our worship. Grant that through it we may understand more of Thee and of Thy intent for us. Help us to get away from here with Christian principles and determination within us.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.