

PASTORAL PRAYER

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O God, we are happy to praise Thee, who art the total sum of everything that we know and can ever know. That Thou canst care for each of us never ceases to amaze us. Each of us is so insignificant in the vast scale of Thy creation that we sometimes feel almost worthless.

Indeed, we admit that no one of us is all he should be. Each of us fails to think and act as ~~he~~ knows he should, many times each week. We confess this, and we ask Thy forgiveness.

We are grateful that if we are sincere in our expressions of sorrow over our shortcomings Thou dost forgive us. We are glad that Thou dost let each of us have an opportunity for a new start.

We are thankful, too, for the innumerable other things which Thou dost for us: for churches, schools, and other organizations in which to learn of Thee and of Thy wisdom, and of Thy intent for us; for neces-
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sities, and hobbies and luxuries;
for freedom and individuality.

In this Thanksgiving season we would
spend more time thanking Thee than
we normally do.

We pray that the sick and dis-
tressed of our acquaintance and kin
may find healing and comfort. We
ask that our businesses and activities
may succeed, provided they are of
service to ourselves, our fellow-
men, and to Thee. We ask thy bles-
sings on groups such as the youth
organization which worships here now.
Make us and all christians aware of
Thee and of Thy Son as they worship
Thee today. For many other things and
people we pray.

Now we dedicate our senses, our
minds and our spirits to Thee, for
this hour of worship, and for the
coming week. Use us as Thou dost
wish.

In Jesus Name. Amen.