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A PRAYER FOR SINGLENES OF EYE

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O God, our heavenly Father, who hast unfolded unto us the perfect truth in Thine own Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour, we pray Thee to bestow upon us an eye that is single and a body that is full of light.

Hear us, while we present to Thee our petitions for the freedom of Thy spirit and the deliverance of Thy grace.

From all eye-service and duplicity of heart, from all fear of the displeasure of men, from all want of reverence towards Thyself, we pray Thee to deliver us O Lord.

From all hypocrisy, pretence and sham, we pray Thee to deliver us, O Lord.

From all insincerity of speech and extravagance of behaviour, we pray Thee to deliver us, O Lord.

From all insidious temptation to the love of mammon, we pray Thee to deliver us, O Lord.

From all doubleness of dealing, from all questionable practise in the conduct of our worldly concerns, from all speculative pursuit of money, for our own sakes or our children's sakes, we pray Thee to deliver us, O Lord.

But give unto us that we may serve our Master with a devotion so unalterable and controlling that we may desire no other good than His kingdom, and may find no other happiness than the fellowship of His sufferings and the victory of His love.

Thus may there be in us also the mind which was in Christ Jesus, that in unity of spirit with Him we may have ingenuous brave and gentle dispositions, tempered for the severity of the day of battle, touched with sympathy for the service of the needy, and exalted to the purity of the purpose of the Master.

And these, our humble petitions, we present through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.