

## **Pastoral Prayer June 2, 2013**

**Eternal God, we take delight in this day which you have made. The heavens are telling your glory. The earth is proclaiming your handiwork. We can understand why Jesus our savior instructed us to consider the fragrant blossoms in the fields and the bright birds in the air. They remind us that we have a heavenly father who is never far away.**

**We pray that you will draw us even closer as we worship in your holy place. Give us a keen mind and a responsive heart. Help us nourish our souls and broaden our faith. We want to be strong, yet compassionate and helpful. We want to enjoy a sense of peace, but not because we are lazy and complacent. Grant us the wit to deal with problems troubling our world. Then give us the will to do what must be done.**

**We pray your healing upon these faithful people, especially those threatened with frightening illness. We know it is your desire that we enjoy life and good health. We accept that wonderful gift from you, father. When things go wrong, give us wisdom to cooperate with all the powers of healing you provide. Grant that we and our friends live long and productively on this sweet earth.**

**We pray for peace among the people and the nations of the world. Help us find an alternative to the horror of warfare. When leaders earnestly engage in peaceful negotiation, bless their efforts. Crown their good with brotherhood, not simply from sea to shining sea, but from pole to pole and across the whole wide earth.**

**We lay our personal cares at your holy altar. We can find relief here, because some of our problems are known only to you. Father, Son and Holy Ghost, please give us what we need. We pray with faith we hope is at least as large as a mustard seed. Amen.**

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