

Prayer alone is not enough



We cannot only pray to You, O God, to end war;
For we know that You have made the world in such a way
That we must find the path to peace
Within ourselves and with our neighbors.

*We cannot only pray to You, O God,
To end starvation;
For You have already given us the resources
With which to feed the entire world,
If we would only use them wisely.*

We cannot only pray to You, O God,
To root out prejudice;
For You have already given us eyes
With which to see the good in all people,
If we would only use them rightly.

*We cannot only pray to You, O God,
To end despair;
For You have already given us the power
To clear away slums and to give hope,
If we would only use our power justly.*

We cannot only pray to You, O God, to end disease;
For You have already given us great minds
With which to search out cures and healings,
If we would only use them constructively.

*Therefore, we pray to You instead, O God,
For strength, determination, and will power,
To do instead of only to pray,
To become instead of merely to wish,*

For Your sake and for ours, speedily and soon,
That our land and world may be safe,
And that our lives may be blessed.

*May the words that we pray, and the deeds that we do
Be acceptable before You, O Lord,
Our Rock and our Redeemer.*

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