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Our first prayer this morning, loving God, is that we might better know your will for us, that which is good and honors your name; that we might receive the grace and strength step out in faith, to do your will each day as we understand it. May we be honest, open, and willing; may we be ready to accept the new adventures that come from allowing your Spirit to have voice and influence within us. For this we need much love and forgiveness. This is our daily prayer.

As you accomplish these things in us, grant us the courage and wisdom we will need to find the resources required to meet your call: to feed those who are hungry, to advocate for justice, to help the helpless, to build homes for the under-resourced; to bring hope to people who have been thinking that they have been forgotten and abandoned. To we, your people, who call ourselves by your name, you have provided no greater purpose or joy.

As this year continues to unfold before us, may we embrace your will and the challenges you bring, and may our work bring joy to others and honor to your name. Today we lift up those in our family of faith who need love and comfort as they seek healing and wholeness:

Lord, we give you thanks for sustaining us throughout this past week, for providing for our needs and beyond so; and for the family and friends who surround us, uphold us, and care for us. May such inner gratitude be our first prayer each day this coming week as we walk the path of Jesus. Amen.