

PRAYER FOR STRENGTH TO ACT

VOICE 1 //

We cannot merely ask you, O God, to end war,
for we know that you have made the world in a way
that we must find our own path to peace
within ourselves and with our neighbours.

VOICE 2 //

We cannot merely ask 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.

VOICE 1 //

We cannot merely ask 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 only use them rightly.

VOICE 2 //

We cannot merely ask 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.

VOICE 1 //

We cannot merely ask you, O God, to end disease;
for you have already given us great minds
with which to search out cures and healing
if only we would use them constructively.

ALL //

Therefore, we pray to you, O God,
for strength, determination, and willpower,
to do, instead of just to pray,
to become, instead of merely to wish.

Amen.

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