## Prayer: Let us live in service to You, our Father, carrying the banner of victory

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My Father! We know that in the beginning You created all things of creation with a Will of goodness, according to the standard of Your original nature and as an unchanging being. But because humankind could not become the object of goodness to such a Father, we could not realize Your ideal. As a result, we know that the place where we stand is far from the standard of goodness that accords with our conscience. Furthermore, we know that this has caused Heaven and all things of creation to lament.

O Father! For us there still remains the path of providential destiny, through which we need to reach Your standard of goodness, even if we have to give our lives. Since it is our mission to walk that path to the very end, please, with Your mighty omnipotence, nudge us and hasten us along this path.

Elements of evil invade us through our body and block our mind, even as it tends towards goodness. Father, please guide us so that in this battle our mind, which seeks the good, will not be restrained and defeated by our body.

We earnestly hope and pray, Father, that You will allow our mind to be led only by the power of goodness and the power of love. Please let us, as unchanging beings, find You and harmonize with You.

Please let us resemble Your external form, as eternal embodiments who cannot be separated from You, and please hold onto us so we may attend You eternally, Father.

We are covered with scars from a long historical process of battling with sin, and yet the root of sin remains, deeply embedded in our bones and flesh. Though we have the responsibility to remove it from ourselves, we are inadequate to do so. Therefore we implore You, our Father who has the authority of life, the authority of power and the authority of creation, to please extend Your almighty touch over our body and mind once again and eliminate from us all elements of evil that entrap us in the shadow of death. Please allow Your touch to stimulate the heart of victory within us, and let this moment serve as an opportunity for Heaven to directly fill us with life. Please raise the power of resurrection within us. We earnestly hope and desire, our loving Father, that You will allow us to become Your sons and daughters who are able to bring about the work of resurrection as Your representatives in these present circumstances.

Please lead us, so that we will not be among those who lament that their position is unsatisfactory. Please acknowledge our qualification as Your true children through our victory in battle against the evil spirits who are our enemies, and who block our way as we make haste on the course toward perfection. Furthermore, please guide us that we may become sons and daughters You can be proud of in front of countless evil spirits. Beloved Father, we sincerely hope and pray that You will allow us to carry the weapons that Your heavenly forces have always carried, so that we may fight on their behalf and be victorious over the myriads of evil spirits.

Father, this small group of people has gathered here at this time to kneel down, prostrate before You and tell You truthfully how unworthy we are. Therefore if we have any insufficiencies, please grant us penitent hearts so that we may repent of our own accord. Please give us minds of wisdom and understanding, and please allow us the eyes and hearts through which we can distinguish goodness from evil. We earnestly and sincerely hope and pray that at this time You will be with us and work directly through us so we may see and understand correctly.

Father, this is the time for us to present You with true gifts, but even if we have nothing to present, please allow us to offer You our original hearts in their entirety. We truly hope and pray, beloved Father, that You will remove all elements of evil from our bodies, stained with sin, and allow us to show ourselves candidly before You, our Father, with a body and mind that move according to Your command and befit Your desire and Will.

Please bestow Your promised grace equally upon Your many sons and daughters, scattered in all directions, who have set up their lonely altars this evening. Now that the Last Days are here, please allow Your works of inspiration, Your works of influence and Your works of power to be manifested wherever Your children reside, so the Will You have foretold can be accomplished. We know that many sons and daughters are setting up altars of prayer on their lonely journey to find the true altar. Please command that they may swiftly gather in one place and grant that they may receive the Will You have approved. Our beloved Father, we also hope and pray with all our heart that You will guide them to be children who are worthy to go forth carrying aloft Your banner of victory for eternity.

We pray that, wherever people are gathered at this hour to worship before the altar of Heaven, the sacred work of the Holy Spirit may come upon them, that they may be filled with inspiration and moved to repentance, so this people may fulfill the mission You have given them in these Last Days. Please guide them. With the hope that You will continue to lead us according to Your Will during the remaining time, we pray in the name of the Lord. Aju.