

Prayers

O Jesus Christ our Lord, Give us understanding and strength. Help us to be kind and gentle, tender and compassionate, patient and forgiving, just and upright, loving one another as You have loved us. May Your Holy Spirit show us how to serve You, bearing fruit to the salvation of our souls and to the honor and glory of Your holy name, now and evermore. Amen. (Adapted from the General Church Liturgy)

Heavenly Father, Look down from heaven and see this vine and the vineyard which Your right hand has planted. Make this branch strong for Yourself. For left to ourselves, we are not able to do what is good or think what is true; we can do so only with Your help. Therefore, search our hearts and test our minds, so that You may see our ways. Help us to be righteous so that it shall be well with us, for we will eat the fruit of our own doings. Let us reap and gather good fruit for eternal life, that we may rejoice together with You in the harvest.

> Amen. (See Psalm 80; Jeremiah 17; Isaiah 3; John 4; *Arcana Coelestia* 9445)