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Golden jubilee of Jewish Welfare Federation, 1953.

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OUR KIND FATHER IN HEAVEN:

UPON ALL WHO ARE GATHERED HERE, WE INVOKE THY
BLESSING. BLESS ALL THOSE WHO HAVE COME HERE TO
CELEBRATE THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE WELFARE FEDERATION
OF CLEVELAND. GREAT IS OUR GRATITUDE TO THEE, O
HEAVENLY FATHER, THAT WE HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO WORK
THROUGH THIS NOBLE AGENCY TO CARRY OUT THE MANDATE
WHICH THOU HAS GIVEN TO ALL THY CHILDREN TO LOVE ONE
ANOTHER AND TO HELP ONE ANOTHER.

IN OUR INADEQUATE WAY, BUT IN DEEP SINCERITY, WE
HAVE ENDEAVORED THROUGH THE YEARS TO LIFT BURDENS
FROM OFF THE HEARTS OF OUR FELLOW MEN, TO FEED THE
HUNGRY, CLOTHE THE NAKED, CARE FOR THE ORPHAN, THE
WIDOW AND HELP YOUTH TO GROW INTO STRONG MANHOOD
AND WOMANHOOD. WE HAVE ENDEAVORED TO TRAIN OUR-
SELVES TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF OUR COMMON HUMAN
FELLOWSHIP AND TO WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP
OUR BROTHERS TO A FULLER, MORE SECURE AND HAPPIER
LIFE.

BLESS THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO THROUGH THE YEARS
HAVE LED THIS ORGANIZATION AND HAVE EXTENDED ITS
SCOPE OF INFLUENCE AND BENEFICENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY.
MAY THEIR EXAMPLE INSPIRE US TO CONTINUE THROUGH THE
ONCOMING YEARS THEIR DEDICATED MINISTRY OF HUMAN SERVICE.

DRAW ALL OUR HEARTS TOGETHER TO THE ONE COMMON PURPOSE OF HELPING ONE ANOTHER IN BROTHERLINESS. MANY HARSH AND STRIDENT VOICES ARE HEARD IN OUR WORLD TODAY PROPHECYING WAR AND FANNING THE DESTROYING WINDS AND FILLING THE QUIVERS OF HATE. HELP US, HEAVENLY FATHER, ALWAYS TO SPEAK IN OUR COMMUNITY THE WORDS OF COMFORT, COMPASSION AND FRATERNITY. HELP US TO THINK IN TERMS OF HUMANITY AND TO RAISE A RADIANT BEACON OF MERCY IN OUR MIDST TO REASSURE ALL MEN THAT LOVE AND HUMAN COMPASSION HAVE NOT DEPARTED FROM OUR EARTH AND THAT HATE, EVIL AND CRUELTY WILL NOT WIN THE ULTIMATE VICTORY. HELP US TO REMEMBER ALWAYS THE WORDS OF THY PROPHET: "THOU HAS BEEN TOLD, O MAN, WHAT IS GOOD AND WHAT THE LORD DOTTH REQUIRE OF THEE - ONLY TO DO JUSTICE AND LOVE MERCY AND WALK HUMBLY WITH THY GOD.

OUR KIND FATHER IN HEAVEN:

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 BLESSING. BLESS ALL THOSE WHO HAVE COME ^{here} TO CELEBRATE
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 FATHER THAT WE HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO WORK ~~THROUGH THE~~
~~YEARS~~ THROUGH THIS NOBLE AGENCY TO CARRY OUT THE
 MANDATE WHICH THOU HAS GIVEN TO ALL THY CHILDREN
 TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER AND ^{to} ~~help~~ ^P ONE ANOTHER. IN OUR
 INADEQUATE WAY, BUT IN DEEP SINCERITY, WE HAVE EN-
 DEAVORED THROUGH THE YEARS TO ~~DO~~ LIFT ~~THE~~ BURDENS
 FROM OFF THE HEARTS OF OUR FELLOW MEN, ^{to feed the} ~~AND TO BRING~~
 THE HANDICAPPED, ^{hungry, clothe the naked, care for the orphan, the widow and} ~~THE VICTIMS OF POVERTY, THE NEEDY~~
^{and} ~~AND THE LOWLY OUT OF THE DUNGEONS OF THEIR LIVES.~~
^{unemployment}
 WE HAVE ENDEAVORED TO TRAIN OURSELVES TO THE RE-
 SPONSIBILITIES OF OUR COMMON HUMAN FELLOWSHIP AND TO
 WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP OUR BROTHERS
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 THIS ORGANIZATION AND HAVE EXTENDED ITS SCOPE OF
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 THEIR EXAMPLE INSPIRE US TO CONTINUE ^{through} ~~INTO~~ THE ONCOMING
 YEARS ^{then} ~~THROUGH~~ DEDICATED MINISTRY OF HUMAN SERVICE.

DRAW ALL OUR HEARTS TOGETHER TO THE ONE COMMON
PURPOSE OF HELPING ONE ANOTHER IN BROTHERLINESS.

MANY HARSH AND STRIDENT VOICES ARE HEARD IN OUR WORLD
TODAY PROPHECYING WAR AND FANNING THE ^{destroying winds} ~~SPARKS OF STRIFE~~
^{and fanning the quivers of hate} ~~AND HATRED IN THE WORLD.~~ HELP US HEAVENLY FATHER TO ^{always}
SPEAK IN OUR COMMUNITY THE WORDS OF COMFORT, COMPASSION
AND FRATERNITY. ~~XXX~~ HELP US TO THINK IN TERMS OF HUMANITY.

HELP US TO REMEMBER ALWAYS THE WORDS OF THY ~~PROPHET~~ ^{scripture}:

"THOU HAS BEEN TOLD, ~~XX~~ O MAN, WHAT IS GOOD AND WHAT
THE LORD ^{doth} ~~DOES~~ REQUIRE OF THEE -- ONLY TO DO JUSTICE AND
LOVE MERCY AND WALK HUMBLY WITH THY GOD.

WRHS AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES
And to raise a radiant beacon
among us in our midst to reassure all
men that love and human compassion
have not departed from our earth and that
hate, evil and cruelty will not ~~do~~ win
the ultimate victory