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Invocation, Western Reserve University, 1961.

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Upon all who are assembled here on this Commencement Day, we invoke Thy blessing.

Bless Thou those who have completed their course of study in this University and who are now setting out to pursue their careers in their chosen fields. Guide and prosper them in all their ways so that they may find deep satisfaction in their occupations and professions and ~~so that they will~~ contribute to the progress and well-being of their communities, ~~and our country~~. Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom and in the deeper loyalties of intellectual quest, dedication and mission.

Bless Thou this institution of learning and all who labor here to extend the frontiers of truth and to transmit the cultural heritage of mankind to each succeeding generation. ~~CH~~ May this University go from strength to strength. May it continue ~~its~~ ^{the sacred} ministry of learning and teaching which is the timeless ~~and~~ undefeated enterprise of the human spirit, ^{and} which outlasts empires and the many shifting political and economic systems of man.

Bless us all, Heavenly Father, parents and friends of the Graduates, teachers and students, all who are here. We need the steady light of Thy truth in these turbulent times and in this riven world. Grant us increased reverence for the things of the spirit lest the things of the mind alone lead us to the wilderness of despair and calamity. Give us the courage to seek peace and pursue it, to build for justice and brotherhood, so that our nation's future may come to be as glorious as the dream of those who founded it. Amen.

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