FOR GUIDANCE

O eternal God,

 in whose appointment our life stands,

 and who committed our work to us,

we commit our cares to you.

We thank you that we are your children, and that you have assured us

 that, while we are intent upon your will, you will heed our wants.

Fill us with that compassion for others' troubles

 which comes from forgetfulness of our own;

with the charity of those who know their own unworthiness;

and with the glad hope of the children of eternity.

And to you,

 the Beginning and the End, Lord of the living, Refuge of the dying,

 be thanks and praise for ever. **Amen.**

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