

Discernment & Direction

“Grant me, O Lord, to know what is worth knowing,
to love what is worth loving,
to praise what delights you most,
to value what is precious in your sight,
to hate what is offensive to you.
Do not let me judge by what I see,
nor pass sentence according to what I hear,
but to judge rightly between things that differ,
and above all to search out and to do what pleases you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
- Thomas a Kempis

“Lead me from death to life,
from lies to truth.
Lead me from despair to hope,
from fear to trust.”

“Lord of my heart, give me vision to inspire me, that, working or resting, I may always think
of you.

“Lord of my heart, give me light to guide me, that, at home or abroad, I may always walk in
your way.

“Lord of my heart, give me wisdom to direct me, that, thinking or acting, I may always
discern right from wrong.

“Lord of my own heart, whatever may befall me, rule over my thoughts and feelings, my
words and actions.”
- Celtic Prayer

“So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. Lighten, if it be
your will, the pressure of this world’s care, and, above all, reconcile us to your will and give
us a peace which the world cannot take away; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.”
Thomas Chalmers

“I will trust in You, O Lord,
And lean not on my own understanding;

In all my ways I will acknowledge You,
And You will make my paths straight.
I will not be wise in my own eyes,
But fear You and depart from evil.”
- Proverbs 3:5-7

“Lord, educate us for a higher life, and let that life be begun here. May we be always in the school, always disciples, and when we are out in the world may we be trying to put into practice what we have learned at Jesus’ feet. What he tells us in the darkness may we proclaim in the light, and what he whispers in our ear in the closets may we sound forth on the house-tops.”
- C.H. Spurgeon

“O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgement and light rises in darkness for the godly; Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou would have us do, that the spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in thy light we might see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.”
- Book of Common Prayer