

Spirit of wisdom, turn our eyes from earth and earthly vanities to heavenly truth and love; Spirit of understanding true, our souls with heavenly light endue to seek the things above.

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Spirit of counsel, be our guide; Teach us, by earthly struggles tried, our heavenly crown to win: Spirit of fortitude, Your power be with us in temptation's hour, to keep us pure from sin.

Spirit of knowledge, lead our feet in your own paths, so safe and sweet, by angel footsteps trod; where You our guardian true shall be, Spirit of gentle piety, to keep us close to God. Through all our life be ever near, Spirit of God's most holy fear, in our heart's inmost shrine; our souls with awful reverence fill, to worship His most holy will, all-righteous and divine.

So lead us, Lord, through peace or strife, onward to everlasting life, to win our high reward: so may we fight our lifelong fight, strong in Your own unearthly might, and reign with Christ our Lord.

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