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## A Prayer of Longing for Heaven

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**A Prayer of Longing for Heaven**  
(Attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas)

O God of every consolation, we call upon you  
who see in us nothing but what you have given us:  
May you be pleased to give us, after this life's end, the gift  
of knowing the first truth, of rejoicing in your divine majesty.

Most lavish Rewarder:

Give also to our bodies  
the beauty of spiritual radiance, the mobility of matter  
subject to mind,  
the responsiveness suited to their perfection, and  
the bold assurance of flesh free of all vulnerability.

And please add to these

riches pouring over, delights pouring in, and goods  
pouring together, so that we may rejoice  
in your comfort above us, in your land's loveliness  
around us,  
in body and soul's glorification within us, and  
in the fellowship of friends and angels delightfully  
around us.

Most merciful father, with you let our capacities be fulfilled—  
of reasoning, by reaching the light of wisdom  
of desiring, by possessing true goods, and  
of striving, by attaining the honor of triumph—  
in your presence, where there is  
freedom from threats, variety of dwellings, and  
harmony of wills;  
spring's pleasantness, summer's brightness, fall's  
plenty, and winter's rest.

Lord God, give us

life without death, joy without sorrow;  
in your presence where there is  
supreme freedom, freedom from all care, carefree  
tranquility, joyful happiness, happy endlessness,  
endless blessedness, the sight and praise of truth,  
O God. Amen.