A Prayer of Longing for Heaven

St. Thomas Aquinas
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(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.