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LINACRE QUARTERLY receives many interesting letters from readers and the mail brought one the other day we would like to share with you because it touches off a note that, coming from the heart, expresses one viewpoint we have not included in these pages before. We are grateful to Mrs. Ward for her kindness in writing to us. Here is her letter —

"I am sending a copy of 'A Physician's Wife's Prayer' with the hope that, sometime, you might find a place for it in your publication. (Incidentally, your *Linacre Quarterly* is read avidly by many medics' wives.)

### "A Physician's Wife's Prayer"

'Dear God, please grant me a full awareness of my responsibilities as a helpmate to my physician-husband. Help me to cultivate, practice and love the virtue of unselfishness, that he may see in me the perfect wife and helpmate.

'Teach me to sacrifice my own plans cheerfully when they are inconsistent with his duties to the sick and afflicted, and, lastly, sustain me in my effort to shoulder those responsibilities which are mine to bear, that he may be free to minister to those people entrusted to his care. Amen.'

"The prayer is original, having been written by me on the occasion of an invitation by the Norfolk South District Auxiliary to the Massachusetts Medical Society to offer an invocation before a luncheon meeting in May.

"Having been the organizer and the first president of this group from 1950-51, and subsequently the president on the State level of the Auxiliary to the Massachusetts Medical Society, 1953-54, I have always tried to further Catholic thought and action by embodying its principles in my talks whenever possible. With so many splendid women representing all faiths in our membership, my experience has been that the woman who is interested enough in her husband's profession to join the Auxiliary, possesses the virtues of faith, hope and charity to a marked degree whether she be a Jewess, Protestant or Catholic...

Frances E. Ward  
Quincy, Mass."