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Lord God Almighty, shaper and ruler of all creatures, we pray for your great mercy, that you guide us and all in our home towards you, for we cannot find our own way.

And guide our children to your will, to the need of their soul, for we cannot make them do it ourselves. And make our mind steadfast in your will and aware of our soul's need.

Strengthen us and all in our home against the temptations of the devil, and remove from us all lust and every unrighteousness, and shield us against our foes, seen and unseen.

Teach us to do your will, that we may inwardly love you before all things with a pure mind. May we stand as an example for our children and all in our household.

For you are our maker and our redeemer, our help, our comfort, our trust, our hope; praise and glory be to you now and forever.

*Source: Alfred the Great, 9th century*

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## Surprised by Joy

Lent is the season in which we ought to be surprised by joy. Our self-sacrifices serve no purpose unless, by laying aside this or that desire, we are able to focus on our heart's deepest longing: unity with Christ.

In Him - in His suffering and death, His resurrection and triumph,  
we find our truest joy.

