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Dear Friends,

This month Unity celebrates the activity of prayer in our lives with Unity's World Day of Prayer. Held annually on the second Thursday in September, World Day of Prayer is a 24-hour Prayer Vigil celebrated at Unity Village and in Unity centers and churches around the world.

Unity invites everyone to spend time reflecting on the following questions:

1. What would it mean for you, and your life, if you knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that God lives in you?

2. How would your life look if you were living every moment from your divine potential in every aspect—your health, your work, your relationships, your plans, and your spiritual life?

3. What would the world look like if everyone discovered the power within them and unleashed their divine potential?

Several years ago the late Eric Butterworth shared many spiritual insights about our divine potential in his book, Discover the Power Within You. In his book he devoted an entire chapter on the power of prayer in one's life. He related that one of the most powerful prayers ever created and spoken was by Jesus. We know it as the Lord's Prayer. It is said that once we truly understand the power contained within it, we will never again need any other prayer.

Here is Eric's spiritual interpretation of the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven: I am now conscious of the infinite and eternal Presence in whom I live and by which I think and create. [Jesus stated that the kingdom of heaven is within us!]

Hallowed be Thy name: This Presence in me is whole and complete. It is the activity of health that heals, of intelligence that inspires, of substance that prospers, and of love that

harmonizes.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven: I am God's glorious possibility. I now let His perfect idea of me unfold in me and through me. My desire for betterment is God's desire to perfect that which He is expressing as me, and I let him have His way. I see myself doing that which He sees me as being.

Give us this day our daily bread: I have no existence outside of God's Presence, for I am that Presence expressing as me. Therefore, I can never be separated for the all-sufficient substance of the opulent Universe. I claim my divine inheritance and I daily, perpetually manifest abundant supply.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors: or Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive our trespassers: The Presence in me is my potential for dissolving all conflicts or transgression. The Presence is Love, and it loves in me and through me as I forgive. It releases me as I loose and let go of all my limited [negative] thoughts about myself or others.

Leave us not in temptation but deliver us from evil: The Presence in me is my light and my deliverance. There is no darkness in the light, and there can be no darkness in me when I am established in spiritual unity with the Presence within me—which is "better than light and safer than a known way."

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, Amen. In all that I seek to be or do or have, I humbly realize that in the Presence is my power to think, my very thought of aspiration, my will to commence, my strength to keep on, my power to achieve, and the glory of all my accomplishments. This is the Truth, and it is done now.

It is my prayer that this prayer brings you as many abundant blessings as it has for me.