



## Let Us Pray

In the name of the Creator God,  
and of Jesus Christ,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### THE EIGHTH STEP

Turn your heart toward God.

O God, I am about to undertake a difficult step on this journey  
and I pray for real courage as I go forward.

I know that you have given me all that I possess.  
and I know that I spend my money  
in ways that reflect my "real" values.

So now as I pass through this exercise,  
give me wisdom and let your Spirit stir me  
to act on the insights I am about to receive.

Pause to think over the ways in which you spend whatever money you have.

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches me  
that money can be a great danger to my faith.  
Having it and wanting more and using it on myself  
can lead me to think of money as a god,  
just as the people did in the desert so long ago.

Free me from the slavery of my bond to money  
and from the worries that come with that.

If I have too little,  
Or if I have too much,  
let whatever I have serve you.

Amen.

Now turn to the eighth step and continue your journey.