



Let Us Pray

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

THE TWELFTH STEP

Turn your heart toward God.

You have promised us in the Gospels, Jesus,
that you would care for us as you do the flowers of the field
that bloom today and are gone tomorrow.

And yet, we find it hard to trust your word
so we fill up our closets and our lives
with *stuff*.

We have too much stuff, most of us,
while so many do not have enough.

Pause to mentally list all the possessions you own.

Now we pray for the courage to face down our possessions,
and literally to give them away.

Let us pare down what we own
and contribute to those whose needs are so great,
not merely from our excesses
for there's little grace in that,
but from our own very prized possessions.

Give us the courage to do this,
to take this important step
and so to return to a happier life.

Amen.

Now turn to the twelfth step and continue your journey.