

O merciful God,
grant that I may ever perfectly do Your Will in all things.
Let it be my ambition to work only for Your honor and glory.
Let me rejoice in nothing but what leads to You,
nor grieve for anything that leads away from You.
May all passing things be as nothing in my eyes,
and may all that is Yours be dear to me,
and You, my God, dear above them all.
May all joy be meaningless without You
and may I desire nothing apart from You.
May all labor and toil delight me when it is for You.
Leader Make me, O Lord, obedient without complaint,
poor without regret,
patient without murmur,
humble without pretense,
joyous without frivolity,
and truthful without disguise.
Give me, O God, an ever watchful heart
which nothing can ever lure away from You;
a noble heart,
which no unworthy affection can draw downwards to the earth;
an upright heart, which no evil can warp;
an unconquerable heart, which no tribulation can crush;
a free heart, which no perverted affection can claim for its own.
Bestow on me, O God, understanding to know You,
diligence to seek You, and wisdom to find You;
a life which may please You,
and a hope which may embrace You at the last. Amen.

— Saint Thomas Aquinas