

Conscience

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO SUSTAINS ALL LIFE WITH KINDNESS, WHO SUPPORTS THOSE WHO ARE LOW, WHO CURES THE SICK AND WHO RELEASES THOSE WHO ARE EITHER ENSLAVED BY CHAINS OF THEIR OWN MAKING OR BY THE CHAINS OF OTHERS AND WHO HAS GIVEN TO EACH OF US UNDERSTANDING AND THE GIFT OF CONSCIENCE, GRANT THAT AS WE ALL GATHER HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS, SUPPORT, AND HELP FORMULATE GOALS WHICH WILL BE WORTHY OF A GREAT COUNTRY LIKE OUR OWN WE WILL, EACH OF US, NEVER FAIL TO REALIZE THAT NO GOAL IS SO HOLY, NO OBJECTIVE SO SACRED THAT IT SHOULD CAUSE ANY OF US TO TRAMPLE ON THE DIGNITY AND RIGHTS OF OTHERS. GRANT, O LORD, THAT NONE OF US WILL EVER PUT MATERIAL OBJECTS AHEAD OF PEOPLE AND THAT ALL OF US WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT THE STRENGTH OF A NATION IS NEVER IN ITS THINGS, BUT IN ITS PEOPLE. GRANT, O LORD, THAT WE WILL ALWAYS REALIZE THAT THE GOALS WHICH THOU HAST OUTLINED ARE THE IMPORTANT GOALS, THE PRACTICE OF KINDNESS, THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE POOR, THE HELPING OF THE STRAYER, THE HONORING OUR PARENTS AND THE AGED, THE RESPECTING OF THE RIGHTS OF THE POWERLESS, THE ENRICHING OF OUR MINDS, AND THE MAKING OF PEACE BETWEEN ALL MEN. MAY WE ALL BE WORTHY, O LORD, OF MAKING THOSE GOALS OUR GOALS AND OF HELPING TO MAKE THEM MORE A REALITY IN THE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE. BLESSED BE THOU, O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO BRINGS FORTH BREAD FROM THE GROUND.