

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, CREATOR OF ALL MEN, WHO HAS ENDOWED US ALL WITH THE CAPACITY TO PLAN AND HOPE FOR THE FUTURE AND ALSO WITH THE INSTINCT TO CONCENTRATE ALL OUR ENERGIES ON PARTICULAR PROBLEMS, GRANT THAT NONE OF US WILL, BECAUSE OF OUR TOTAL INVOLVEMENT WITH THE PRESENT AND ITS PROBLEMS, BECOME SO DEPRESSED OR FILLED WITH GLOOM THAT WE WILL LOSE CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE AND THE NECESSITY FOR PLANNING FOR IT. GRANT, ALSO, O LORD, THAT NONE OF US WILL, BECAUSE OF OUR TOTAL CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE FAIL TO IMMERSE HERSELF IN THE PROBLEMS AT HAND AND TRY TO SOLVE THEM. GRANT, O LORD, THAT EACH OF US WILL ALWAYS APPLY OUR HANDS TO THE PROBLEMS WHICH BESET OURSELVES, OUR COMMUNITY, AND OUR PEOPLE WITH HOPE AND CONFIDENCE AND SO OVERCOME THEM AND CONTINUE TO LIVE FRUITFULLY PRODUCTIVE. AND MAY WE, O LORD, BY SO DOING, BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND TO THEE. AMEN.