**Eternal Lord of All Things**

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[This prayer is a paraphrase of the colloquy of the meditation on Christ the King, which is placed at the beginning of the second week of the exercises]

Eternal Lord of all things,

I feel your gaze on me.

I sense that your Mother stands near, watching,

and that with you are all the great beings of heaven—

angels and powers and martyrs and saints.

Lord Jesus, I think you have put a desire in me.

If you will help me, please,

I would like to make my offering.

I want it to be my desire, and my choice,

provided that you want it, too,

to live my life as you lived yours.

I know that you lived an insignificant person

in a little despise town;

I know that you rarely tasted luxury and never privilege,

and that you resolutely refused to accept power.

I know that you suffered rejection by leaders,

abandonment by friends, and failure.

I know. I can hardly bear the thought of it all.

But it seems a towering wonderful thing

that you might call me to follow you and stand with you.

I will labor with you to bring God’s reign,

if you will give me the gift to do it. Amen