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O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, PROVIDER OF THE NEEDS OF ALL HIS CREATURES, AUTHOR AND SOURCE OF ALL BLESSINGS, WHO HAS CREATED AN INCOMPLETE WORLD WHICH POTENTIALLY CAN BE TURNED INTO A VERITABLE PARADISE, AND WHO HAS AT THE SAME TIME CREATED MAN, A WEAK AND SOMETIMES \_\_\_\_\_ CREATURE, TO BE HIS AGENT AND JUNIOR PARTNER IN PERFECTING THIS WORLD. GRANT THAT AS WE GATHER HERE TODAY TO HONOR AND REVIEW THE HISTORY AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PURDUE'S AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT, THAT WE WILL BE EVER MINDFUL OF THE TASKS THAT LIE AHEAD OF US, AND THAT WE WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL TO THEE, OUR MAKER, FOR THE CHALLENGES AND NEVER ENDING AID AND INSPIRATION WHICH THOU HAST GIVEN US. GRANT, O LORD, THAT ALL OF US TRULY WILL WORK WITH EVEN GREATER URGENCY AND ZEAL TO SOLVE THE GREAT PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY THE FOOD PROBLEM, SO THAT ALL MEN THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE WORLD WILL BE ABLE TO REALIZE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AND TO TRULY BECOME THY PARTNER IN CREATION. GRANT, O LORD, THAT NONE OF US WILL EVER BE DETERRED FROM THE TASK BY PETTINESS, HATRED, OR SELF SERVING AMBITION. GRANT, ALSO, O LORD, THAT ALL MANKIND WILL SOON COME TO THE REALIZATION THAT ONLY THROUGH COOPERATION AND BROTHERHOOD AND NOT THROUGH DOMINATION OR HATRED CAN THY GOAL OF TURNING THIS WORLD INTO A PARADISE BE REALIZED. GRANT, O LORD, THAT THROUGH OUR OWN DEDICATION TO THIS GOAL OUR SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE WILL FLOURISH AND WE WILL BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND TO THEE. AMEN.