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O Lord Master of the Universe
~~the~~ Author of all life, ~~the~~
Creator of joy, gladness, and
good fellowship who has
~~created~~ ^{created} ~~enlightened~~ man with the urge
to excel and the urge to
~~be~~ work with others
Grant that as we meet here
today to formally open Purdue's
athletic year we will all
be moved to consider how
much pleasure joy ~~and~~ pride

~~and good fellowship~~

we gain from seeing groups
of men ^{IRRespective} ~~of~~ ^{of} race
Religion ~~and~~ ^{or} creeds ~~and~~ ^{work}
~~and~~ ^{together} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~one~~ ^{one} ~~team~~
~~in~~ ^{the} ~~same~~ ^{same} ~~field~~ ^{field} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~how~~ ^{how} ~~much~~ ^{much}

And how ~~and~~ ^{how} ~~much~~ ^{much} ~~pleasure~~ ^{pleasure} ~~you~~ ^{you}
~~and~~ ^{and} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~pride~~ ^{pride} ~~we~~ ^{we} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~could~~ ^{could} ~~gain~~ ^{gain}
if ^{only} all men the world over
would ~~only~~ ^{now} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~un~~ ^{un} ~~respective~~ ^{respective}
of ^{NATION} race religion a creed ~~and~~
~~and~~ ^{and} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~work~~ ^{work} ~~together~~ ^{together} ~~O~~ ^O ~~Lord~~ ^{Lord}
Grant ^o ^{Lord} that we will ~~all~~ ^{all}
learn from athletics that

~~all that counts is ability~~

and not past history, family

background or ~~different~~ ^{a special} colors. ~~Set~~

Grant

your fellowship

~~us~~ also learn ^{Oh that we all learn to experience} the joy ~~that~~

comes to each member of the team

when he knows that ~~he~~ ^{has given his} ~~is giving his~~ best and ~~he~~

~~are all pulling together.~~ Grant

O Lord ~~that we do well~~

~~some~~ that each of us (no matter

what his profession

Set us all learn O Lord that

it is only by working together ~~that~~
~~and by~~ letting every ~~one~~ do his best

that we can have a winning
team. Set us ~~down~~

~~our best~~ learn from football
that we can all excel and

~~and~~ all still be working together

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O Lord Master of the
Universe who has created the
body to be Temple of the
Spirit and who has created
within us ^{all} the urge to excel
and the desire to work with
others Grant that as we gather
here today to formally open
Purdue University's Athletic year
we will all be moved
to consider the importance
of keeping our bodies in good

shape and not abuse in

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.

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O LORD, THE HOLY ONE, BLESSED BE HE, THE INSPIRER OF ALL MANKIND, REMOVE EVERY OBSTACLE FROM THESE FINE YOUNG LADIES SO THAT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM WILL BE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THIS FINE PROGRAM SO THAT THROUGH THEIR EFFORTS JOY, HAPPINESS, AND HEALTH WILL REPLACE GRIEF, PAIN AND SUFFERING IN OUR COMMUNITY. O LORD, GRANT SUCCESS TO ALL THE WORKS OF THEIR HANDS SO THAT WE ALL HERE IN LAFAYETTE AND THROUGHOUT INDIANA WILL LIVE IN A SAFER, HEALTHIER, AND MORE COMPASSIONATE ENVIRONMENT. GRANT, TOO, O LORD, THAT THE FINE WORK OF THIS WONDERFUL INSTITUTION IVY TECH, WILL BE BLESSED WITH THY SPIRIT SO THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO THRIVE AND FLOURISH. MAY ALL THOSE WHO ARE CONNECTED WITH IT BE GRANTED RENEWED STRENGTH AND VISION SO THAT ITS WORK OF ENDING SUFFERING AND DISEASE MAY CONTINUE ON A HIGH LEVEL. GRANT, TOO, O LORD, THAT ALL OF US HERE TODAY WILL BE INSPIRED TO REALIZE THAT THE BEST WAY TO REACH THEM IS BY MINISTERING TO THE NEEDS OF THY CREATURES. GIVE US ALL THE TENACITY TO PERSEVERE. BLESS US WITH GOOD HEALTH AND GIVE US THE COURAGE AND STRENGTH TO DEAL WITH AND OVERCOME ALL SICKNESS AND DESPAIR. AND TO THIS LET US ALL SAY AMEN.