

# Purification

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO HAS CREATED MAN WITH THE URGE TO BEAUTY AND WITH A DESIRE TO HELP HIS FELLOW MAN, GRANT THAT TODAY AS WE GATHER TOGETHER TO DEDICATE THIS BEAUTIFUL FOUNTAIN OF RUSHING WATER, THAT THE WORDS OF THE PROPHET ZECHARIAH WHICH HE SPOKE ABOUT THE INHABITANTS OF JERUSALEM WILL COME TRUE FOR OUR CITY OF LAFAYETTE,

THAT ON THAT DAY A FOUNTAIN SHALL BE OPENED FOR MORAL PURIFICATION AND SPRINKLING, THAT MAN'S ESTHETIC AND MORAL SENSES WILL BE UNITED IN THE HEARTS OF ALL MEN SO THAT THEY WILL WANT TO CREATE A SOCIETY WHICH BY ITS ACTIONS AND PROJECTS WILL BRING BEAUTY, JUSTICE, AND LOVE TO ALL ITS INHABITANTS AND WHICH, BY SO DOING, WILL BRING PLEASURE TO THEE, OUR COMMON MAKER. GRANT, O LORD, THAT THE BEAUTY OF THIS FOUNTAIN WILL BRING A FEELING OF PEACE AND JOY TO ALL WHO GAZE UPON IT AND WILL STIMULATE OTHERS TO CREATE ADDITIONAL BEAUTIFUL SPOTS BOTH PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL FOR ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THIS CITY. MAY THY LIGHT SHINE UPON ALL ITS INHABITANTS, AND MAY THOU BE ALWAYS OUR FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATERS. AMEN.

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IN THAT DAY THERE SHALL BE A FOUNTAIN OPENED TO THE HOUSE OF DAVID AND TO THE INHABITANTS OF JERUSALEM FOR PURIFICATION AND SPRINKLING.