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**O** God, my Lord, Creator and Saviour from whom everything originates, for whom everything lives and towards whom everything heads. I am your child. You endowed me abundantly and summoned me to live a life of love and holiness. You chose that I should work together with you in developing further your deed of creation. To this end you gave me cognitive power, creative passion and willingness to rejoice in that which you had bestowed upon me. I adore you for it!

**O** Lord, my good Father, I stand before you, trustful and humble, because I want to understand the truth about you, about my life and vocation and about my fellow human beings who stand beside me, both at home and in my work.

I thank you that work for the sake of others and together with others has become my vocation and my path to holiness. I know that I have undertaken a difficult responsibility for their fate. I wish to bear it in trust and hope, in order to prove myself a good landlord in your vineyard. I also bear this responsibility because I trust that this is your will, o my God.

Grant me your Holy Spirit, the source of all might, wisdom, prudence and courage. May he become illumination and strength in my moments of temptation and doubt! May his love so fill my heart that it allows no greed, willingness to deceive or temptation towards dishonourable gain to take root! May he never allow me become burdened by harm done to human beings! May he fill me with wisdom, so that my ability to economize never turns into meanness, rational prudence never turns into scheming calculation, and initiative and entrepreneurship never turn into pursuit of success at any price.

It is to you, my Father and God, that I owe everything, and it is to you that I return all my talents. It is to you that I return the work which fills my life, which sanctifies me, and by which I wish to contribute to the development of the world with which you have entrusted us. May honour and glory be to you through Christ, your Son and our Saviour, in the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.