

(Invocation delivered by the Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., President of the University of Notre Dame, at the Centennial of Engineering Luncheon, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Wednesday, September 10, 1952.)

Bless us, O Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, whose physics is the rainbow by day and the flash of lightning etched against the blackness of the night, whose mathematics are the stars, whose canvas is the bended heavens upon which Thou dost paint the glory of the morning and of the evening sun. The miracle of the ripening grain is Thine, who gives us this day our daily bread; the hidden chemistry in the heart of the earth is Thine, which transforms the forests of an earlier day foredone into the coal and oil whose power has wrought the wonders of modern industry. Grant us to be humble under Thy generous hand and to acknowledge that without Thee we can do nothing, but can do all things in Thee, Who strengthens us. For Thou hast made man a little less than the angels, Thou hast crowned him with glory and honor, and hast placed him over all the works of Thy hands. Give us wisdom ever to be conscious of that stewardship, to live and labor for the betterment of man to the glory of Thy name, and to merit at the last "-a safe lodging and a holy rest" through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.