

(Invocation delivered by the Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., President of the University of Notre Dame, at the luncheon following the Inauguration of Dr. Paul Cook as President of Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana, Saturday, December 3, 1966)

Heavenly Father, Lord of Wisdom and Might, we pray You for a blessing upon this assembly and upon the purposes it represents. In a day and at a time when leadership is sorely needed, we have witnessed the installation of a new leader who will now carry in his heart, in his mind, and upon his shoulders too, the hope and the destiny and the continuation of the long and honorable tradition of learning at Wabash College. We pray that he may be blessed with all the qualities of wisdom and understanding that liken us, even in our humble and finite way, to You who are the ultimate source of all wisdom and understanding. We pray that he may be ever endowed with the power to inspire all those at the heart of this noble endeavor, the faculty and the students, the administration, the Trustees, and the benefactors, too. Especially, we ask for President Paul Cook the grace to see and the fortitude to follow the course of wisdom and justice and compassion wherever it leads and whatever it costs in the life of this institution, so that in a world of harsh tensions, deep misunderstandings, much blindness, and spiritual insensitivity, he and

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Wabash College together might continue to grow and prosper by simply shining in the darkness and lighting the path of life to all who pass this way. Amen.