

Almighty Eternal God

Sometimes we just don't understand

Life seems strange

Challenges seem so difficult

Remind us once more that we are not the

First generation to puzzle over the world

We aren't the first who have struggled with  
violence and its meaning or the horrible effects of  
disease

And so lord

Like others before us we have put some time aside  
to day

To contemplate not just uplifting images and  
Thoughts that reassure

But thoughts that we hardly even understand

Thoughts that express the deepest longings of those  
Who through the generations  
Have found in Christ the key to life's puzzles and  
woes

And the answers to their fears.

But we are here God

Here because we are drawn and captivated by a  
vision

For our lives and our world

Painted for us by Jesus.

You sent him to show us through word and deed

What true life is all about

And then from the throne of his cross

He proclaimed the depth and length

The breadth and height of your love

For this world

And for each one of us within it.

With these great and mysterious thoughts touching  
our minds and hearts Lord

We offer up our worship to you

Aware of our smallness

Our insignificance

Measured against the vastness of the heavens

Yet we hear again the countless voices

Of those who

Down the ages

Have said and sung and written and proclaimed

That each one of us matters to you uniquely

And is valued

Loved and cherished

By you

The creator of the universe.

So tremendous awe inspiring but gentle God

Receive the love of our hearts

The loyalty of our hands

And the music of our voices

For they are offered with love and gratitude

Acknowledging that we do not always do what we should

And feeling your wonderful forgiveness

Poured out on us

Through your son

Who came first to the humility of a manger

But promised to come again in clouds of glory

Our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ

Who reigns with you and the holy spirit one God

Now and for ever.

AMEN.