Symposium Opening Prayer

Love God with all the power of your heart,

with its yearnings and passions.

Love God with all you hold dear in life,

and with the fullness of whatever the world offers you,

Both joy and sorrow.

Teach children to cope,

to dream and to stretch,

to become their purpose,

to live holy lives.

Wrap these words around every deed,

a garment of holy expression.

Let these words shape your home,

a dwelling of peace.

Wherever you go,

scatter the words as seed,

or as drops of water into the thirsty earth.

Nurture trees of life in your garden.

Seal these words upon your heart;

let them course through

and cleave soul to body

that the sacred permeates all your being.