Give us, Creator,  
leaders whose hearts are large enough  
to match the breadth of our own souls  
and give us souls strong enough  
to follow leaders of vision and wisdom.

In seeking a leader, let us seek  
 more than development for ourselves—  
 though development we hope for—  
 more than security for our own land—  
 though security we need—  
 more than satisfaction for our wants—  
 though many things we desire.

Give us the hearts to choose the leader  
 who will work with other leaders  
 to bring safety  
 to the whole world.

Give us leaders  
 who lead us to virtue  
 without seeking to impose our kind of virtue  
 on the virtue of others.

Give us a government  
that provides for the advancement  
of all peoples  
without taking resources from others  
to achieve it.

Give us insight enough ourselves  
 to choose as leaders those who can tell  
 strength from power,  
 growth from greed,  
 leadership from dominance,  
 and real greatness from the trappings of grandiosity.

We trust you, Creating God,  
 to open our hearts to learn from those  
 to whom you speak in different tongues  
 and to respect the life and words  
 of those to whom you entrusted  
 the good of other parts of this globe.

We beg you, Creating God,  
 give us the vision as a people  
 to know where global leadership truly lies,  
 to pursue it diligently,  
 to require it to protect human rights  
 for everyone everywhere.

We ask these things, Creating God,  
with minds open to your word  
and hearts that trust in your eternal care. *Amen.*