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Westminster United Church. Shoal Lake
Prayers July 30th 1950.

Creations Lord we give Thee thanks
That this thy world is incomplete
That battle calls our marshalled ranks
That work awaits our hands & feet.

That Thou hast not yet finished man
That we are in the making still
As friends who share the Maker's Plan
As sons who know the Father's will

For the Sick

For the Aged & Young

For our Administrators & those in
authority over us

Thanks for the many blessings each
week and every day.



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and waiting to hear the truth and set us free. He only asks in return that we be penitent and try and not repeat our sin.

The Jews could not realize this. So surrounded by laws and conformity that they had become oblivious to any sins on their part. So had become slaves to their own conformity.

Jesus gave them an eleventh commandment. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." In the keeping of this are all the law and the prophets.



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breaking away from our churches
and forming new congregations and
new denominations? Is that the
reason we have Oxford Groups
made up of folks who confess to each
other all their sins hoping that the
truth will make them free of their
burden of guilt. Perhaps the thief
on the cross beside Christ realized that
telling the truth for once freed him of an
almost unbearable burden and in
confessing his guilt found freedom of the
soul.

Christ has given us a promise,
we need no groups, no new denominations
or more advanced forms of worship to
tell Christ the truth. He is here beside
us in Church, when we work and
when we play and always ready



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And ye shall know the truth and
the truth shall make you free.
We had in our scripture reading
today an historical sketch of how
Jesus offered freedom to a people
who were so blind that they felt
insulted that anyone could ever
think they were in bondage.

How often in our own day must
Jesus try us the same way. It could be
said of us that we believe on him
and yet if a stranger walked among us
and told us we were in bondage and
not a free people how angry we should become.
Most likely we would say. Who does that fellow
think he is telling us to believe on him
and we shall be free!

And yet how terribly we need to find
that freedom of the spirit today. Perhaps
we are not slaves, and let us pour out
our indignation against those who say we are



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Yet how many of us are slaves to
pride or prejudice, habit custom
and law. About the only place we
seem to act as if we had perfect
freedom is on an average highway.

There are over three hundred clauses
to the highway traffic Act, ^{all of them} making
provision for safety and care of ourselves & others yet
many motorists act as if there were
none and so we have even
increasing speed with its slave
behind the steering wheel.

Jesus told the Israelites the truth
and it hurt them so much that they in
rage picked up stones with the
intention of putting this radical to
death. But Jesus has said the
truth shall make you free. Is that
one of the reasons we have groups of people