



# PRAYER ON CONSUMERISM

Creator God, we ask that you move us  
Beyond the poverty of mindless consumption  
To the abundance of your Church's social teachings.

We ask that you move us  
Beyond our impoverished need of material things  
To the richness of solidarity  
With our brothers and sisters  
Throughout our country  
And around the world.

We ask that you move us  
Beyond the empty drive  
To store up individual possessions  
To recognize the wealth of working  
For the common good.

Grace us to consider the human dignity  
And the rights as well as needs  
Of everyone in our local,  
National and global communities  
Without counting the cost,  
Knowing that, as we have read  
In the recounting of the distribution  
Of the loaves and fishes,  
There is always enough  
For everyone to come to the table.

We thank you  
For this abundance.  
In Christ's name  
We pray. Amen.

—Jane Deren, Ph.D.

