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## Prayer for Understanding

By Vincent Edwards

The late Major Moton, president of Tuskegee, never forgot a prayer that he once heard an old Negro make. When the famous educator was asked to speak to Christian Student conventions, he often repeated it. In these days when both white and black people are all too ready to let rumors and "icidents" build up a wall of prejudice, perhaps its publication may help to restore reason and tolerance among Christians. Here is what the humble Negro prayed:

"O God of all races, will you please, Sir, come in and take charge of the minds of all these white people and fix them so that they will know and understand that all of us colored folks are not lazy, dirty, dishonest and of no account. Help them, Lord, to see that most of us are praying, working, and striving to get some land, houses, and some education for ourselves and our children, and get true religion, and that 'most every Negro in Northampton County is doing his level best to make friends and to get along with the white folks. Help these white folks, O Lord, to understand this very thing. Lord, while you are taking charge of the minds of the white people, don't pass by the colored folks, for they need you as much as the white folks. Open the Negro's blind eyes that he may see that all white folks are not prejudiced against the colored folks; that there are hard-working, just and God-fearing white folks in this Community who are trying the very best they know how, with circumstances oftentimes against them, to be fair in their dealings with the colored folks, and to help them to be respectable men and women. Help us, O Lord, both black and white, to understand each other better every day. Amen."

## Guest Column



By  
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### Recreation

Recreation, for most of us, is a change of work. We easily tire of doing the same thing, and some form of diversion is necessary for our well-being.

The main divisions of recreation could probably be summed up under the broad terms of physical, mental, and spiritual diversion. Recreation may also be interpreted to mean recreation. We all know that if one's arm is not used, it loses its strength; just so our body requires activity in all phases to keep it properly conditioned.

Physical recreation brings also a mental and spiritual uplift. It is difficult to separate each from the other. For one who is in an office or schoolroom all day long, a brisk walk in which he can drink in the fresh air and beauty of nature not only benefits him physically, but also mentally and spiritually. One who is obliged to stand all day will find a more quiet type of activity refreshing.

As the poet says:

### A Recipe for a Day

"Take a dash of water cold  
 And a little leaven of prayer,  
 A little bit of sunshine gold  
 Dissolved in the morning air.  
 Add to your meal some merriment  
 And a thought for kith and kin;  
 And then, as a prime ingredient,  
 A lot of work thrown in.  
 But spice it all with the essence  
 of love  
 And a little whif of play.  
 Let a wise old book and a glance  
 above  
 Complete a well spent day!"

## Comments To The Editor

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To The Voice:  
 Dear Publisher:  
 Congratulations to the Voice. And many thanks to the friend who mailed me my first copy.

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Mary Burden Davis

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## Norfolk Woman Attends World Federation Meet

MOSCOW—(ANP)—Among the delegates in attendance and taking active part in meetings of the executive committee of the World Federation of Democratic women here recently was Mrs. Vivian Mason, executive committee member of the Federation from Norfolk, Va. During her stay here, Mrs. Mason was the guest of the Imperial Ethiopian legation at a dinner, and also had a talk with Mrs. Palulinu Molotov, wife of Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslaw Molotov.

At the legation dinner, Mrs. Mason told the staff that American Negroes had a great interest in Ethiopia, the country's development and progress. She expressed a regret, however, that Abyssinian women, "who suffered so severely at the hands of Italian fascist invasion" were not represented at the sessions of the federation meet, but stated she hoped closer contact would be established in the near future between Abyssinian women and American Negro women, together with all other progressive democratic women's organizations.

Members of the legation staff concurred in this view and advanced the desire for further rapproachment between the colored peoples of both nations, declaring that Abyssinians look upon American Negroes as their blood brothers.

Before leaving Moscow, Mrs. Mason expressed her profound thanks and admiration to Russian people, particularly Russian women for their sincere hospitality and courtesy to her and her admiration for "their heroic efforts in healing the deep wounds left by German invasion."

Mrs. Mason left Moscow October 18, enroute by plane to Paris.

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