

A Prayer for Insight
into Paul's letters to the Corinthians

CREATOR of creation
and Architect of time,
antiquity and yet-to-be
are present in Your mind.

You placed Paul in ancient Greece
subject to Roman rule,
whose polytheistic "gods"
were fake but also cruel:

Their Zeus and Jupiter were
"gods" of heinous strife.
But You, the True Triune GOD,
for sin, Christ gave his life!

Corinth's corrupt men sought power,
degrading all beneath;
abusing the weaker man,
woman, child, slave and beast.

Into this time, into this place
You sent Your servant Paul
to seek the suffering and oppressed,
and dignify them all:

Proclaiming that they all had worth:
Your Son as their co-heir!
Giving rights to the voiceless
and family to share!

Thank You for Your Holy Word:
Paul's words to Corinthians.
Teach our modern ears to hear;
lend our modern eyes Your lens.
Amen.

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