

**PRAY
AND
ACT
FOR
PEACE**



Prayer at the gas pump

O God, I swipe my card and pump gas.
So easy, so routine: I depend on this gas and expect it to be there
whenever I need it.
Yet do I realize that without it my car would be useless?

How much energy did it take to get gas to this pump?
It probably came from half way around the world.
It took years of engineering studies and test drillings to find it,
then huge operations tapped the crude, and then it was piped onto a
gigantic oiler that itself took years to build.
The oiler used thousands of tanks of oil to power it to this country,
then massive oil refineries broke it down into fuel, and finally a tank
truck brought it here to this station.
So much energy spent to create this liquid energy!

How different that is from your power, O God.
Your power can not be refined or contained!
It is not an exhaustible resource!
It does not pollute!
It is not mined or pumped or traded on the Stock Exchange!
It is not dependent on a human supply chain.
And though it is “free” to me, it cost you a terrible price.

O God, May I come to depend on your power and energy
more than on this easy gas.
May I never take it for granted.
Though so freely available, it is precious, costly, and irreplaceable.
Thank you, God, thank you, thank you.
Amen.

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