Many are the temples . . .

Many are the temples in which God can be worshiped. Many are the sanctuaries in which God's will can be done.

For we can transform into shrines for God's service—
The homes which we and our loved ones share,
The places in which we work and learn,
The institutions of our community and of our nation.

But each such shrine can itself be corrupted—
Defiled by selfishness, by greed, and by pride.

Thus each must be redeemed and purified,
Through deeds of sacrifice and unselfish devotion.
So that wherever we are, and in whatever we do,
We can serve God in loyalty and in truth.