



ENABLE ME, O GOD,
to *collect* and *compose* my thoughts
BEFORE an immediate approach to Thee in prayer.
May I be *careful* to have my mind in order
when I take upon myself the **HONOR** to speak
to the *sovereign* **LORD** of the universe ...

Thou art *infinitely* **TOO GREAT** to be trifled with;
TOO WISE to be imposed on by a *mock devotion* ...
Help me to entertain an habitual sense of **THY PERFECTIONS**,
as an admirable help against cold and formal performances.

SAVE ME from engaging in rash and precipitate prayers
and from abrupt *breaking away*
to follow business or pleasure
AS THOUGH I HAD NEVER PRAYED.

AMEN

—SUSANNA WESLEY