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The following prayer was written by The Reverend Dr. Earl B. Eddy and taken from his book “Altar Steps: Prayers and Meditations”. Reverend Eddy was a United Church minister from 1927 until his retirement in 1969.

**Just to Awake is Good:**

Lord, this morning the sun shone through my windowpane and awakened me to a new day. What a wonderful feeling it is to come from the darkness of sleep, to a world of light, life, and colour. Outside, the birds were singing their morning reveille and they make me want to give thanks to You who gave us this new day.

Thank you, Father, for the perfume of the flowers that blows through that open window. How did you put into those little buds such sweet scent as well as colour and beauty? What a wonderful world it is! Every minute breaks in upon me with new wonder: the smell of bacon frying on the stove, of bread toasting, of coffee perking. All of these make the day's beginning exciting and good.

What a wonderful world you have given us, Lord – work to do, friends to enjoy, a home and family to make life doubly full of love. We owe it all to You. Help us all to prove worthy of all this beauty and love about me, for I forget so soon. Stay with me through the day, Lord, and keep it fresh and clean. Amen

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*Editor's note: Thanks to Sherwood for submitting this prayer as a Letter of Hope. Please consider sharing your own Letter of Hope by emailing it to [Hyatt.le.rc@gmail.com](mailto:Hyatt.le.rc@gmail.com). R&L*

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