

## INVOCATION

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ABSTRACT. This invocation was offered at the Banquet of IAU Symposium 112 in the evening of June 19, 1984.

We glorify, we honor, and we thank You, God almighty, Creator of the Universe, Lord of time and eternity, Father of all beings and things visible and invisible, Source of knowledge and wisdom, Center of life and light.

We give thanks to You for the unique opportunity granted to us to live in Your huge Cosmos, to study the immense Universe, to unravel the mysteries of the planetary systems, the galaxies, the interstellar spaces, the extraterrestrial realities.

We stand in deep awe and amazement in front of Your Creation, being a part of it. We humbly ask You to bless our scientific work and to offer to us the indescribable joy of a continuous discovery of truth, of an unceasing march from knowledge to knowledge, from wisdom to wisdom.

We ask You to bless the present Symposium and its participants, and to make it a significant contribution to the progress and the well-being of our fellow human beings, of our fellow citizens of the planet Earth.