

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

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German, 1539, adapt. M. Luther (1483-1546),
harm. H. L. Hassler (1564-1612)

1. Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
2. Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
3. For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
4. Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold,
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame;

the mean - ing of thy chas - t'ning hand; what - e'er the pain and
from sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
to catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of
O God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.