

The Wessobrunn Prayer

Original in Old High German

This I have felt to be the greatest miracle among men:
that once there was neither earth nor heaven,
neither tree nor mountain,
none of the stars shone, nor did the sun,
the moon was not bright, nor was the great sea.
And when there was nothing anywhere,

even before this, the one, almighty God existed, the most merciful one
And many magnificent spirits were with him,
but before them, there was the holy God.
Almighty God, who made heaven and earth and gave so many good things
to mankind, give me true faith in your good will, wisdom, intelligence
and power, so that I might withstand the devil, avoid evil, and
do your will.