

1 Dag Hammarskjöld was born in Sweden and became the second Secretary General of the United Nations in 1953. He was re-elected to the post, but was killed in a plane crash on this day in 1961. He was trying to resolve problems in the African Republic of the Congo. 3 months later he was posthumously awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his struggles to promote peace.

2 A reflective and prayerful man, he said:
*"We die on the day
 when our lives
 cease to be illumined
 by the steady radiance
 - renewed daily -
 of a wonder,
 the source of which
 is beyond reason."*

3 *Let us pray:*

**Lord God,
 may the sight of your creation
 - from the vastness
 of mighty stars and planets
 to the lowliness
 of the smallest living creature
 that I can see
 - inspire me to grow
 in wonder and awe,
 in reverence for life,
 and in appreciation
 of the people I meet
 and of all that is around me.
 Amen.**

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For details:

<http://www.matthew-james.co.uk/>

Could make use of a search engine
to research this topic further.

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