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Let us remind ourselves that we are in the presence of God.

Almighty God, Father of us all, we give you thanks for life, for love, for grace. We celebrate all three of these gifts tonight as this noble institution of love and justice, the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, under the great leadership of our friend Rabbi Schneier, brings us together again, to hail men of vision and leadership once more.

Bless our two honorees tonight, Lord, your gifted sons, the President of Mexico, Carlos Salinas and Edwin Artzt, a man of genius in the field of business. Bless the work of this Foundation, as it strives to bring together all our brothers and sisters in your one human family. May its message of peace and mutual respect be heard from the Balkans to the Orient, from the Caucasus to the horn of Africa.

Bless us then, dear Lord and Creator. Bless these gifts of food and drink which from your bountiful hands we are about to receive. All this we ask, in your Holy Name, Amen.