

Prayer by Francis Drake - 1577

Disturb us, Lord, when
We are too pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true Because we dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely Because we sailed too close to the shore.
Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess We have lost our
thirst For the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life, We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth, We have allowed our vision Of the new Heaven
to dim.
Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, To venture on wilder seas
Where losing sight of land We shall find the stars.
We ask you to push back The horizons of our hopes; And to push back the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.
This we ask in the name of our Captain,
Who is Jesus Christ! (End of prayer)