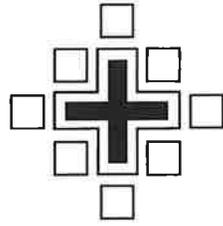


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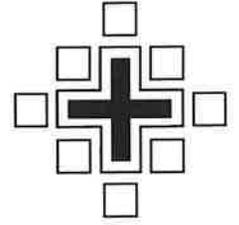
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ing obedient to the point of death, even death on
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knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and
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