

- 1 The late 1960s and the 70s saw the start of exploration for oil and gas in the North Sea. It was on this day in 1975 that Queen Elizabeth formally opened the first underwater pipeline to bring North Sea oil ashore. From BP's *'Forties Field'* in the North Sea, the pipe runs 110 miles on the sea bed, and then 130 miles to the oil refinery at Grange-mouth on the Firth of Forth, near Edinburgh.
- 2 We live in a nation of many natural resources - such as coal, oil, gas, metal ores and water - all of which we tend to take for granted. Without such natural resources, Britain could never have started the Industrial Revolution, and our history and our present circumstances would be quite different.
- 3 *Let us pray:*

God our Father,

**we live in a nation
of many natural resources.**

We pray for wisdom

**that we may use them well
whilst also caring for our environment.**

We pray, too,

**that the many *human* resources
of all nations
may develop
as people respect and value
the dignity and rights
and responsibilities
of each individual.**

Amen.

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to research this topic further.

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