



The Mary Stewart Collect

Keep us O Lord from pettiness; let us be
large in thought, in word and deed.

Let us be done with fault finding and leave
off self seeking.

May we put away all pretence and meet
each other face to face, without self pity
and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and
always generous.

Let us take time for all things: make us grow
calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses
straight forward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize that it is the little
things that create differences: that in the
big things of life we are one.

And may we strive to touch and know the
great human heart common to us all, and
O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.