

The Mary Stewart Collect. (written)

Mary Stewart ~~is~~ author of the Collect was born 1876 in the state of Ohio and moved with her parents to Georgetown Colorado when quite young. After graduating from the University of Colorado she became principal of the <sup>High</sup> school at Longmont. There she became a member of a Club. She wrote the Collect as a prayer for the day and later in 1904 she offered it for publication. It was first printed in the "Delineator" a woman's magazine. Miss Stewart called it a "Collect for Club Women" because she felt that women working together with wide interests was a new thing under the sun and that perhaps they had need for special petition and meditation of their own. Since then it has been adopted throughout the world by English speaking women. Miss Stewart helped organize the National Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs. In 1927 her Alma Mater conferred on her an Honorary Degree in recognition of her distinguished work in education social & civic service. She died in 1943 Her collect was read into the printed records of the Congress of United States by Senator Tobey of New Hampshire in 1949 at the closing session.