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Keeep 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.
Teach us to put into action our better
impulses, straight forward and unafraid.
Let us take time for all things; make
us grow calm, serene, gentle.
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.

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