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**OPENING ODE** (Tune "Auld Lang Syne")

A goodly thing it is to meet  
In Friendship's circle bright,  
Where nothing stains the pleasure sweet  
Nor dims the radiant light.  
No unkind word our lips shall pass,  
No envy sour the mind,  
But each shall seek the common weal,  
The good of all mankind.

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**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.

