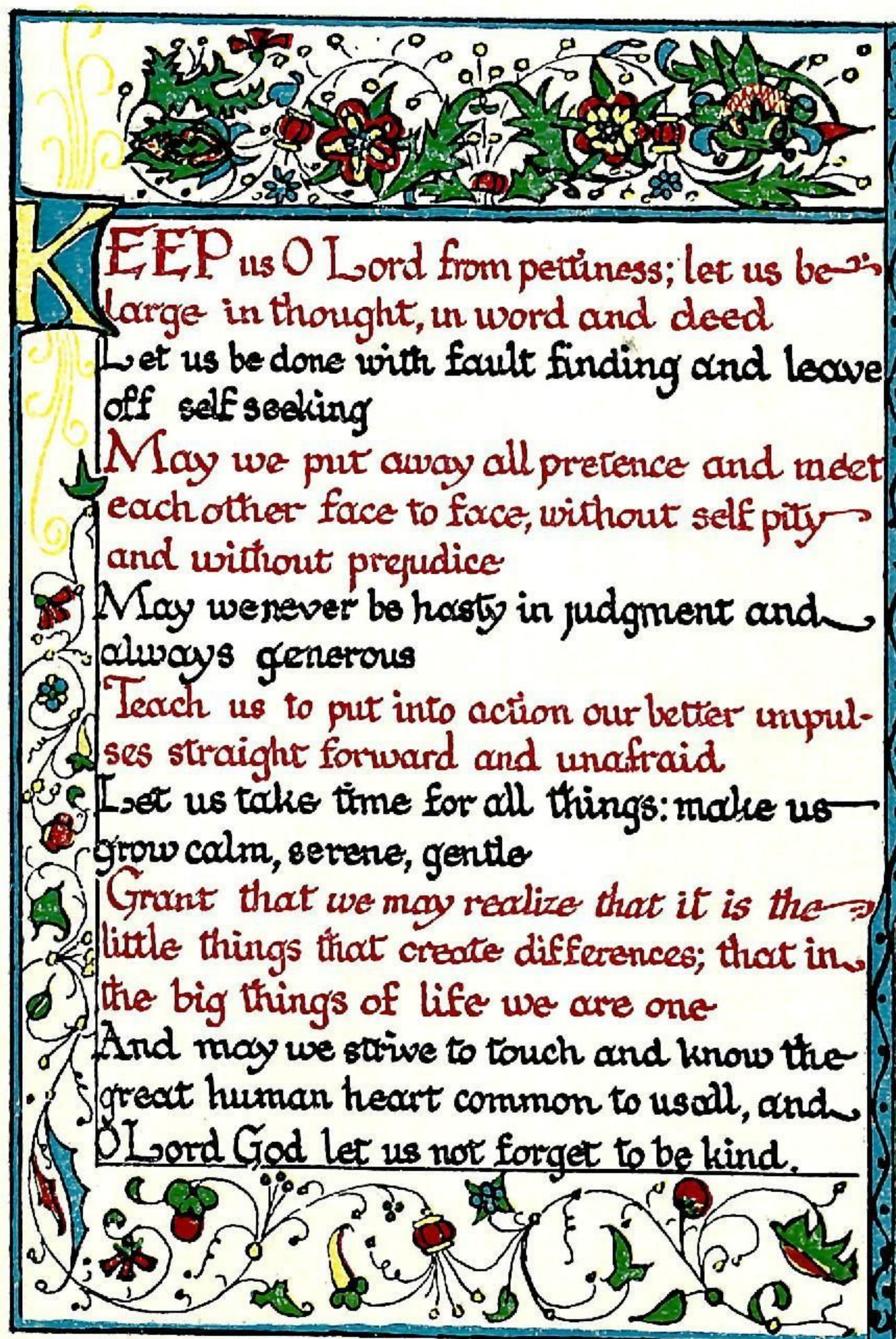


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A goodly thing it is to meet
In Friendships circle bright,
Where nothing stains the pleasure sweet
Nor dims the radiant light.
No unkind word our lips shall pass,
No envy sour the mind,
But each shall seek the common weal,
The good of all mankind.



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
Teach us to put into action our better impul-
ses 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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