

## **Inquiry**

May I never grow to love  
The comforts of a placid life,  
With no search for that above,  
Even if that comes with strife.

May I always question all,  
Even that which I hold dear;  
Every matter, great and small,  
Even that which I may fear.

May I examine what I believe  
To be what I would call "the truth",  
And question all that I perceive,  
The grooming I received from youth.

May I always look and seek  
For what is really right and real,  
To try my claims with cool critique,  
To hunt what's actual, not ideal.

May I respect that I inquire,  
And that many others do so too -  
My probing mind shall not retire  
As I search for what is truly true.

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## **Compassion**

May I never grow so cold  
To shun a friend (or even foe),  
Not one young or even old,  
Even those I do not know.

May I offer my own heart  
To every being upon this earth;  
May I never grow apart  
From my fellow kin since Birth.

May I kindle kind concern  
In my soul for every man,  
Even those who've yet to earn  
A place within the wider plan.

May I take some time to give  
To those who really need;  
Without such love I cannot live  
A life not ruled by greed.

May I pause and now reflect  
On those who have less luck;  
That I can change in some respect -  
A helping hand when stuck!

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## **Humility**

May we take comfort in the meek  
And all that is not great and grand;  
To be so is not frail or weak -  
We need not always make command.

May we at times learn to let go,  
To step down off our lofty horse;  
It is not always dark below,  
We need not meet all trials with force.

May we not always speak of I  
Or stare at our reflection  
We do not need to sit on high,  
Nor do we need perfection.

May we always be alert  
For when pride is fully fed;  
Should we give it a dessert,  
Then ego rears its ugly head!

May we learn to embrace  
The modest and the humble;  
It is not always a disgrace  
To let that ego crumble!

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## **Service**

May we give thanks to God above,  
And to our friends, and those we love,  
This year they gave us all we needed;  
May we serve them as they served us,

Life, they say, is give and take.  
So give ourselves for this day's sake.  
Give ourselves to those we love,  
And just for today so nothing take.

The Saviour washed our feet to show  
How those above serve those below.  
For today, then, let us be  
Master to no one. Servant to all.