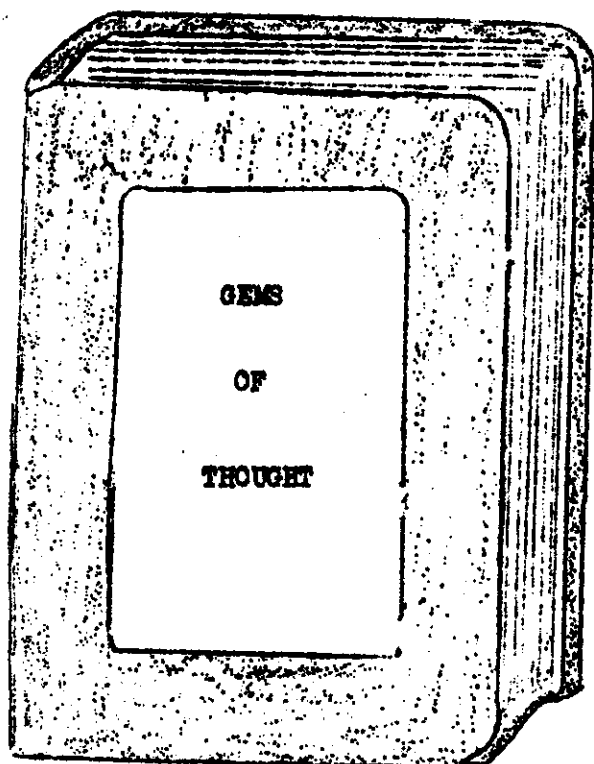


SAYINGS AND POEMS TO BE USED UNDER GOOD
OF THE ORDER

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We have beautiful truth-bearing emblems in our order. If in our daily lives we hold Adah's sword upright barring unfaithfulness, if we share Ruth's sheaf of plenty with the less fortunate, if we wear Esther's crown with graciousness and extend her sceptre to the down-trodden, if we keep near Martha's cross of faith, and offer Electa's cup of charity to all men, -- then, indeed we will have truly fulfilled the teachings of our ritual and be real Eastern Stars. --L.G.H.

An OPAL is a beautiful gem. It does not have the hardness of the diamond nor the brilliancy of the emerald. It is not just white or green. The opal is a warm hearted gem and lights its vari-colored flame for all to see. Let us try to be like the opal keeping a flame in our spirits to go forward toward the worthwhile things in life and a softness of heart to comfort and encourage those who need our help. --L.G.H.

Memory's lane is a path shining and bright
Filled with a star's glorious light.
When I come to the end of my year in the East
Among my pleasures and treasures,
Remembering you as a friend will not be the least. -- L.G.H.

As the yellow gold is tried in fire, so the faith of friendship must be seen in adversity. -- Ovid.

There is a book into which some of us are happily led to look, and to look again, and never tire of looking. It is the Book of Man. You may open that book whenever and wherever you find another human voice to answer yours, and another human hand to take in your own. --Walter Besant

To pray together, in whatever tongue or ritual, is the most tender brotherhood of hope and sympathy that man can contract in this life. --Madame DeSteel

If you would be loved, love and be lovable. -- Franklin

Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on;
'Twas not given for thee alone,
Pass it on;

Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
'Till in Heaven the deed appears.
Pass it on. -- Rev. Henry Burton

LITTLE THINGS THAT COUNT

It's the little things in life that count
So much to you and me;
A wee bit of kindness, a pat on the back,
Or heart-felt sympathy.

A small bit of praise when a job is
 well done
Or a lift with the load I would bear;
Some wholesome advice so much needed
Before I should meet with despair.

The warmth of your love when the world
 seems cold,
Or a smile on your face when I'm sad;
A message of cheer, when my light has
 burned low,
Or your gladness for me when I'm glad.

So learn to give a soft answer for wrath,
To duck, yet come back from hard blows;
To count as your brother all races of man,
To be thankful for all life bestows.

--Bordeneaux

LIFE IS LIKE STAIRS

Life is like stairs that are winding,
That start as you enter the door;
And wind their way on upward,
In the direction you'd like much to go.

Like the stairs life's pathway varies,
With its course one step at a time;
And those who would reach the topmost
Must follow the uncertain line.

Like stairs life gives us a landing,
At the bend of each stage of its road;
There to gather more strength and will-
 power,
To go on with whatever the load.

Like stairs life gives us a balance,
To support us along its highway;
The railing's as smooth as life's bless-
 ings,
If we hold and forget not to pray.

Like stairs life's beauty is noticed,
As we wind our way near the end;
And look back to see the path taken
While we gathered more hope at each bend.

Like life when the stairies are winding,
There's much more about us to see;
Then the happiness found as we journey,
Gives us faith in the great life to be.

--Bordeneaux

MY NEIGHBOR'S BIBLE

I am my neighbor's Bible; he reads me when we meet;
Today he reads me in my home, tomorrow in the street.
He may a relative or friend or slight acquaintance be;
He may not even know my name, yet he is reading me.

Dear Christian friends and brothers; if we could only know
How faithfully the world records just what we say and do,
Oh, we would make our record plain, and labor hard to see,
Our worldly neighbors won't to Christ while reading you and me.

--Presbyterian Record

We truly admire and love you
For the wonderful person you are,
True to the highest ideals
Of the Order of the Eastern Star.

--Selected

THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL

Where there is faith
There is love.
Where there is love
There is peace.
Where there is peace
There is God.
Where there is God
There is no need.

--Selected

THIS I KNOW

I know not by what methods rare,
But this I know--God answers prayer,
I know that He has given His Word,
Which tells me prayer is always heard,
And will be answered, soon or late,
And so I pray and calmly wait.
I know not if the blessing sought
Will come in just the way I thought,
But leave my prayers with Him alone,
Whose will is wiser than my own--
Assured that He will grant my quest,
Or send some answer far more blest.

--Anonymous

(Borrowed from a Latin American Church
Bulletin from Corpus Christi, Texas)

SOME DAY

Some day--looking back with clearer eyes
O'er life's short span,
We'll see with wondering glad surprise,
God's perfect plan.

We'll understand His wise intent some
day.

--Cora Posey

(Borrowed from "Texas Eastern Star"
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How well we remember the vows we spoke,
And with hope rising in our breast,
We embarked on a voyage,
The Star as our hope
With a trust in God
That we each do our best.--Selected

"I tastes my words behind my teeth before I speaks them." --Colored Preacher

TRUTH is an emperor who visits his followers only along the highway of great longing."
--Ancient Proverb.

Charlotte Perkins Gilman once wrote a little allegory of a traveler on a mountain trail who met a prejudice. No argument would induce the prejudice to stand aside. In fact, when the traveler became angry, so did the prejudice. At last the traveler had an inspiration:

"I took my hat, I took my stick,
I approached that awful incubus
With an absent-minded air,
And walked directly through him
As if he wasn't there!"

This is a wonderful thought: When trying to induce sleep, if we would talk more with the SHEPHERD, whose sheep we are counting, a peaceful relaxation will come quicker.

I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care. --Whittier

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge Him, and
He will make straight your paths.

--Proverbs 3: 5-6

"Now I understand that spiritual truth is more essential to a nation than the mortar of its cities' walls. For when the actions of a people are unguided by these truths, it is only a matter of time before the walls themselves collapse."

--Charles A. Lindbergh

My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching. Bind them upon your heart always; tie them about your neck. When you walk they will lead you: when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you. For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life. Proverbs 6:20-23

He that ruleth his spirit is greater than he that taketh a city.

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Common sense, in an uncommon degree is what the world calls wisdom.-Coleridge

Personality is to man what perfume is to a flower - Thomas Jefferson

"As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman without discretion."
Prov.11:22

Promises

"The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." Prov. 18:10

"The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge." Prov. 18:15

"Better is to poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and a fool." Prov. 19:1

A PRAYER FOR THE YEAR

Let me live simply,
Casting out care,
Anchored to duty,
Friendship and prayer.

Let me live freely,
Bursting self's bars,
Comrade of gardens,
Music and stars.

Let me live faithfully,
Loyal to all--
God--and the children--
Brutes, great and small.

Let me live hopefully,
Child of the morn,
Foe of the doubter,
Hater of scorn.

Let me live bravely--
Tenderly, too--
Till, at the twilight,
Life's dream comes true!

--Selected

THANK GOD FOR YOU!

Thank God for you, good friend of mine,
Seldom is friendship such as thine;
How very much I wish to be
As helpful as you've been to me--
THANK GOD FOR YOU.

Of many prayer guests, one thou art
On whom I ask God to impart
Rich blessings from His storehouse rare,
And grant to you His gracious care--
THANK GOD FOR YOU.

When I recall, from time to time,
How you inspired this heart of mine:
I find myself inclined to pray,
God bless my friend this very day--
THANK GOD FOR YOU.

So often, at the throne of Grace,
There comes a picture of your face;
And then, instinctively, I pray
That God may guide you all the way--
THANK GOD FOR YOU.

Some day, I hope, with you to stand
Before the throne, at God's right hand,
And say to you -- at journey's end:
"Praise God, you've been to me a friend--
THANK GOD FOR YOU.

--Author Unknown