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B. Thank you, God, for this new day in which to
Grow. For wondrous things, which when this
day is done, I shall know.

For each new face that I shall meet throughout
this day,

And for the lessons I shall learn from all who
come my way.

And thank you, too, for strange ideas I shall
meet,

That call for my best efforts, lest I know defeat.

And if, sometime today, I seem to fail, help me
to know,

Tomorrow's still another day in which to grow!

C. O, God, give me clean hands, clean words, and
clean thoughts. Help me to stand for the hard
right against the easy wrong. Save me from
habits that harm. Teach me to work as hard
and play as fair in Thy sight alone as if the
whole world saw. Forgive me when I am
unkind, and help me to forgive those who are
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E. Lord, make me and instrument of Thy peace!
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury – pardon
Where there is doubt – faith
Where there is despair – hope
Where there is darkness – light
Where there is sadness – joy

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
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