

PRAYER

O Lord, whose spirit giveth understanding and might, we bow in thy mysterious presence and pray for thy peace. As we gather here may we feel thy benediction upon us in a quiet and grateful mind. May there be songs of thanksgiving in our hearts for this life of devoted service. In the midst of affliction may we yet rejoice in the example of a brave and true soul, and in the work he accomplished; and may the touch of his eager spirit be felt upon us still.

We thank thee for these ties that bind us together in bands of seekers of thy truth, and for the sweet remembrance of loyal comradeship in high aims and endeavors through long years.

Deliver us from the love of ease and the fear of death. As those who would know and love thy law, help us to trust it even when it appears in strange disguise. Keep us strong and unafraid, and may we fix our stay not upon the things which are seen, but upon the things which are unseen and eternal. Help us to believe that all things work together for good, for if thou art for us who can be against us ?

We know not where thy islands lift
Their fronded palms in air.
We only know we cannot drift
Beyond thy love and care.

Comfort the bereaved, give strength to the lonely, and visit them in the sacred memories, made forever beautiful by the consecration of death.

And as we part in loving sympathy and remembrance, may we find thy light on our path, and a new dedication in our hearts.