

Lord behold, our family here assembled.

We thank-you for this place in which we dwell, for the love that unties us, for the peace accorded us this day, for the hope with which we expect tomorrow, for the health, the work, the food, and the bright skies that make our life delightful, and for our friends in all parts of the world.

Give us grace and strength to forebear and persevere. Give us courage and gaiety and the quiet mind. Spare us to our friends; soften us to our enemies. Bless us, if it may be, in all our innocent endeavors. If not, give us strength to encounter that which is to come, that we may be brave in peril, constant in tribulation, temperate in wrath, and in all changes of fortune and to the endloyal and loving to one another.

Amen.

Roberts Godfrey Hannegan