

1 in the mending of differences.

2 As we look back upon the past may we remember not
3 only the pleasant moments, but also may we recall the sad
4 and tragic hours that added depth to our faith. As we peer
5 from this point into the hazy mists of the future, may we
6 remember who and what we are so that we do not expect too
7 much.

8 Give us the insight to know that not everything
9 old is bad, nor everything new is good, and conversely,
10 that not everything old is good, nor everything new is bad.
11 Remembering with gratitude the past months spent together
12 and anticipating the future with hope, strengthen us that
13 we may continually live out our days in the present with
14 calm reality, glowing enthusiasm, vibrant faith, personal
15 integrity, and righteous abandon.

16 And when our vision fails, and when our under-
17 standing is darkened, and when the ways of life seem hard,
18 and the brightness of life is gone, we pray that Thou wilt
19 grant the wisdom that deepens faith when sight is dim, and
20 enlarges trust when the understanding is not clear. As we
21 go from this point, may we face life without fear, death