

HUMANIST INVOCATION

May we regard all people as if they are family members whom we care about.

May we have a mind that reasons, A tongue for truth,
An eye for beauty, A heart that loves,
And sympathy that understands.

May we encourage learning.
May we safeguard freedom.

May we seek peace, Teach love,
Care for the earth, And use power wisely.

May we use our minds to comprehend the world around us,
And to apply the fruits of this knowledge to better our lives
and the lives of others.

May we be true to our conscience.
Yet may we allow others to be true to theirs.
In doing so, May we prevent harm and suffering.

May we respect cultural differences and reap the benefits of diversity.

May we have neither malice nor envy
But a true kindness And a noble common sense.

And at the close of each day May we come together,
And find contentment and peace.

So be it.

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