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Today we give our thanks ...
for the ideals of honor and faith
we inherit from our forefathers -
for the decency of purpose,
steadfastness of resolve and strength
of will ... which they possessed
and which we must seek every day to
emulate ... Let us express our gratitide
for the glorious gifts of God;
and let us earnestly and humbly pray
that He will continue to guide and sustain
us in the great unfinished tasks of achieving
peace, justice and understanding among
all men.

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