

FOR TACT

O Lord, who art full of love and mercy, help me to be careful of the feelings of others. Let me beware of the hasty word, the praying question, and the indelicate allusion that hurts worse than a blow. Show me how to put the shy at ease, and to give them confidence by words of kindness and true interest in them. Keep me from blundering into the sacred places of others. Give me wholesome sense of the rights of others that I may not even seem to disregard them. Bestow on me keen insight, that I may see at once the fitting thing to do, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

FOR TOLERANCE

Grant to me, Lord, I beseech thee, an open mind, ready to receive the truth and to act upon it. Show me that others have a right to their own opinions and help me see their point of view. Give me grace to feel that I may be mistaken. Help me not shut my mind to facts simply on the ground that I do not like them, but ever to give the same weight to those which are unpleasant as I would give to those which are pleasant because they are in my favor. Open the eyes of my soul to see the truth, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

SEEKING TOGETHER

Let us, you and I, lay aside all arrogance. Let neither of us pretend to have found the truth. Let us seek it as something unknown to both of us. Then we may seek it with love and sincerity when neither of us has the neither rashness nor presumption to believe that he already possesses it. And if I am asking too much of you, allow me to listen to you at least, to talk with you as I do with beings whom, for my part, I do not pretend to understand. St. Augustine.

From TEXAS GULF COAST VIA DE CRISTO