

O Thou, Heavenly Father of us all, by whose Providence we have been privileged to gather here: We express orally the thanks we feel inwardly, and acknowledge all that Thy presence has meant to this family.

We thank Thee for the dear, new lives who have been born into these families, and those who have married into it. We are thankful for the children who have grown to manhood and womanhood. Guard them from life's perils. Keep them true to the pledge of their youth to some humanity, and support them with the "faith of their fathers living still."

We recall with tenderness our dear ones who have departed from us, and who are now at home with Thee. We acknowledge our indebtedness to those who have contributed so much to our lives. Heaven has taken on a warmer glow since they entered into that home.

We would pray for all the families of the earth and for the greater family in which we all share as Thy children. Break through the barriers that separate us and hasten the day when ^{the} human family shall be one in Thee, through Jesus Christ Our Lord —