

MAY WE TEND THE SOUL YOU GAVE US

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind." Matt. 22:37

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Phil. 4:13

"...for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words." Rom.8:26

May we tend the soul you gave us

in creation's prime decree;

when you made us in your image--

feelings, thoughts, forever free.

Show us how our soul is strengthened

when our heart and mind agree;

then through study , song, and service

live the faith for all to see.

Help us tend the souls of others

in a Christ-like, loving way,

sharing from a peaceful center

what our Lord would have us say;

never forceful, over-bearing,

lest we drive each one away,

but respecting their own journey--

how they think, or speak, or pray.

Strengthen us O gracious Savior
in those days when we are weak,
when despite our fervent praying,
fail to find the peace we seek.
May your Spirit draw us to you,
gently show we're not alone;
then your Love will reassure us:
"Yes, my child, you are God's own!"

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