

Draw us closer



Eternal God, in whose name we have gathered, lift our thoughts that we may renew our minds; and lead us beside the still waters so that we may restore our souls.

We thank You, O Lord, for our hallowed memories and for our abiding hopes.

Help us to show that we are Your children by giving ourselves faithfully to Your tasks.

Help us to convert our convictions into conduct and our commitments into deeds.

Help us to narrow the gap between our principles and our practices, between our aspirations and our actions.

Keep us from blaming others for our own faults; help us to heal the wounds we have thoughtlessly inflicted.

Help us to face defeat with courage and to carry success with humility.

Keep us from the pride that blinds the mind and from the anger that locks the heart.

Make us loyal to our convictions in the face of falsehood; but help us to speak the truth in love.

On this sacred night, draw us closer to Your teachings, closer to our people, and closer to You.

Amen.