

Christmas 1970.

Dear Friends - old and new,

In my search for an appropriate Christmas message to express my annual greetings to you, I pored over some old family mementos. I found this Student's Prayer written by my father in 1912. (He was a Presbyterian Minister and a High School English Teacher and in constant contact with young people.)

To me, it emphasizes values for living that we must re-state and live by. So I send it to you as this Christmas season in gratitude for the heritage it represents and in the hope that it will have meaning for you in the year ahead.

Have a beautiful Holiday Season,
Ever so much Always - Carol Sibley
CSC - C.

A Student's Prayer

Help me this day to keep my body under control, to train my mind in the great truths of life and to grow in spiritual power. Let me not slight my task, however hard it be. Enable me to look upon this day and every day as a series of opportunities, as a part of life that cannot be recalled. Keep me from the sin of thoughtlessness, from the slough of sluggishness and from the bane of conceit. Keep me ever mindful that I am but a learner and that Thy truth is large. Give me an open mind, a loving heart and a will that yields, not too easily, but upon sufficient evidence. May I be always reverent. And, at the close of day, may I be a little wiser, a little stronger, a little better, and thus more fit for tomorrow's tasks and for life. Amen.

Charles Elbert Rhodes.