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Give me a heart of patience,  
able to love and live in hope.

Give me a heart of peacefulness  
able to love and sow peace in the world.

Give me a heart of justice,  
able to love and measure myself by  
the standard of justice.

Give me a heart of mercifulness,  
able to love and understand and  
forgive others.


Give me a heart of sensitivity,  
able to love and weep without  
being discouraged.

Give me a heart of purity,  
able to love and see God in everyone.

Give me a heart of strength,  
able to love and be faithful unto death.

Give me a heart touched by the Gospel,  
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