

## The Prayer Perfect

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**Dear Lord, kind Lord!**

[dɪə lɔəd ka:ɪnd lɔəd]

**Gracious Lord!**

['ɡreɪ.ɪ.ʃəs lɔəd]

I pray Thou wilt look on all I love  
Tenderly today!  
Weed their hearts of weariness;  
Scatter ev'ry care  
Down a wake of angel wings  
Winnowing the air.  
Dear Lord, kind Lord!  
Gracious Lord!  
I pray Thou wilt look on all I love  
Tenderly today!

Bring unto the sorrowing  
All release from pain,  
Let the lips of laughter  
Overflow again,  
And with all the needy  
O divide, I pray,  
This vast treasure of content  
That is mine today!  
Dear Lord, kind Lord!  
Gracious Lord!  
I pray Thou wilt look on all I love  
Tenderly today!

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*Thank you!*

