

- 1 Philosophers think of what life is about and the way we should live. One of the greatest philosophers and teachers died today in 1694. Voltaire was a Frenchman, and he said:

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but I would be prepared to die
to defend your right to say it."*

- 2 *Let us pray:*

**God our Father,
we pray that we may grow
in such a way
as to be welcoming to other people,
and generous in every way
to those people we don't agree with.
Lead us to appreciate others
in the same way
that we would like to be appreciated.
Never let us look down on others,
or consider anyone
to be less than ourselves.
Show us how to be open-minded
and able to learn from each other
so that, together,
we may grow as the people
you invite us to be.
Amen.**

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to research this topic further.

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