

- 1 Benjamin Franklin was an American diplomat, but also a scientist, becoming the inventor of the lightning conductor. After the War of Independence between Britain and the American colonies, Franklin was one of those who wrote the Constitution for the newly independent United States of America. He died on this day in 1790.
- 2 One day, Benjamin Franklin gave someone a list of practical suggestions about getting along with others. This is what he wrote:
- 3 *"The best thing to give your enemy is forgiveness;  
- to an opponent, tolerance;  
- to a friend, your ear;*
- 4 *- to your child, good example;  
- to your father, reverence;  
- to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you;  
- to yourself, respect;  
- to all people, love."*
- 5 *Let us pray:*

**Lord, give me patience and tolerance  
with everyone.**

**Lord, show me  
how to be kind and generous  
to everyone.**

**Lord, help me  
to live positively and cheerfully  
for everyone.**

**Amen.**

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