

So they will not confuse liberty with license --
May love and understanding guide me.

To show my warm love for my children
As well as conscientiously care for them --
May love and understanding lead me.

To manage them with intelligence and affection,
And not by punishment, condemnation,
Fear, faultfinding, and nagging
May love and understanding help me.

To guide my children instead of driving them,
To direct their energy instead of repressing it --
To try to understand my children
Instead of sitting in judgement on them --
And through all misdemeanors both trivial and serious,
To love them steadfastly --
MAY LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING HELP ME!