**Hymn – Lord, for the years** **-***Timothy Dudley-Smith b. 1926*

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.  
  
Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.  
  
Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.  
  
Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.  
  
Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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**Hymn - Hope of our Calling T**une: *Woodlands (Tell out my soul)*

Hope of our calling: hope through courage won;  
By those who dared to share all Christ had done.  
Saints of today, Christ’s banner now unfurled,  
We bring his gospel to a waiting world.

Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,  
Inspired by all that we have seen and heard;  
This call is ours, for we are chosen too,  
To live for God in all we say and do.

Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,  
From death’s despair the gift of life restored;  
Our call to serve, to wash each other’s feet,  
To bring Christ’s healing touch to all we meet.

Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold;  
To sow God’s righteousness throughout the world;  
Bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,  
The kingdom’s harvest from a mustard seed.

Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,  
Old joys remembered and new purpose found,  
Our call refreshed by sacrament and word,  
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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