

You gave us, Lord, by word and deed

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**You gave us, Lord, by word and deed
the way of love your Father willed,
that those who go where'er you lead
may find in you a life fulfilled.**

**It was your joy to call them blest
who poor in spirit choose to be,
and find themselves of earth possessed,
the gentle heirs of all they see.**

**And blessed too are those who mourn,
the merciful, the pure of heart,
and those by thirst and hunger torn,
that justice hold its rightful part.**

**Your blessing, Lord, embraces too
all those who strive that peace may reign,
who right uphold and justice do
and face withal contempt and pain.**

**We humbly ask your pardon, Lord;
the ones who hear are all too few,
so speak again your healing word,
our sin forgive, our hearts renew.**

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