

Lord, for the years

1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guid - ed,
 2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
 ▶ 3 Lord, for our land, in this our gen - er - a - tion,
 4 Lord, for our world; when we dis - own and doubt him,
 5 Lord, for our - selves; in liv - ing power re - make us,

urged and in - spired us, cheered us on our way,
 speaks to our hearts and sets our souls a - blaze,
 ▶ spir - its op - pressed by plea - sure, wealth and care;
 love - less in strength, and com - fort - less in pain;
 self on the cross and Christ up - on the throne;

sought us and saved us, par - doned and pro - vid - ed,
 teach - es and trains, re - bukes us and in - spires us,
 ▶ for young and old, for com - mon - wealth and na - tion,
 hun - gry and help - less, lost in - deed with - out him,
 past put be - hind us, for the fu - ture take us,

Lord of the years, we bring our thanks to - day.
 Lord of the word, re - ceive your peo - ple's praise.
 ▶ Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.
 Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.
 Lord of our lives, to live for Christ a - lone.

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