

HYMN

Lord, for the years

1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guid - ed,
 2 Lord, for the 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 lov - 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 trans, re - bukes us and in - spires us;
 for young and old, for com - mon wealth and nat - ion,
 hun - gry and help - less, lost in - deed with - out him,
 past put be - hind us, for the fut - ure take us;

Lord of the years, we bring our thanks to - day.
 Lord of the word, re - ceive your peo - ples 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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