

## 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 where men dis - own and doubt you,  
 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 you:  
 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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