

WHICH THOU HAST GIVEN THEM TO DO: NOR HAVE OUR HEARTS BEEN CLEANSED OF THEIR EVIL AND SELFISH PURPOSES. HAVE PITY UPON US, WHOM THE YEARS CARRY AWAY AS WITH A FLOOD. HAVE PITY UPON US, O FATHER, THOU WHOSE YEARS KNOW NO END, AND LET NOT THY KINDNESS DEPART FROM US; FOR IN HUMILITY AND HOPE WE WAIT FOR THY SALVATION.

OPEN OUR EYES TO SEE THY MOST BLESSED WILL, AND MAY WE FIND THEREIN OUR PEACE. AS THE SHADOWS OF THE DEPARTING YEAR GATHER ROUND US, WE WOULD FEEL THE COMFORTING AND REASSURING TOUCH OF JESUS' HAND. THROUGH ALL OUR LIFE MAY HE LEAD US STEP BY STEP, TILL HE BRING US AT THE LAST INTO THAT WORLD WHICH IS ALL LIGHT AND IN WHICH IS NO DARKNESS AT ALL. FOR HIS OWN NAME'S SAKE. AMEN.