For the Healing of the Nations

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1. For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;

for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;

to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word, (pledge our word)

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2. Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,

that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.

Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase, (hope increase)

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3. All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;

pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.

In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span, (life's brief span)

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4. You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;

for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,

that by our response and service earth its destiny may find, (may find)

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