



*Poetic Reflections*

## Prayer for a New Day

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When the wounds of yesterday  
Bleed anew today  
Heal again, O Lord, this fragile lump of clay.  
When hatred wells up like unrelenting rain  
With inconsolable pain  
Teach us, O Lord, the path to eternal gain  
When the embrace from today's sister or brother  
Seems like being smothered by a deranged mother  
Enable, O Lord, the liberating love for one another  
When the journey to a new world seems so long  
And we are imprisoned by the barriers of tribe and tongue  
Let us hear, O Lord, the melody of Your new song  
When our hearts are weighed down  
And what we see everywhere is a frown  
Give us, O Lord, a vision of the victor's crown  
Let the sun upon our faces  
Be the blending of our races  
Let the shackles upon our affections  
Become the ornaments of our new complexions  
Let the love that won from death our new life  
Be the love that frees mankind from every strife

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Hear us, O God the Father

Hear us, O God the Son

Hear us, O God the Spirit

AMEN.

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