

Open Our Lives (Reflections on Psalm 81)

We embody God's justice. Without our hands and our hearts, how will God's love be manifest to our world? Without prayer how can we give birth to new vision?

**O God, we come to you, we pray, "Open our lives.
Open our lives for the good of this world.
We are your hands; we are your heart."**

Hidden yet close, you speak to the heart of our heart,
hoping so deeply that we may hear your voice.

Water from rock, sweet honey from the comb,
such is your presence for all who seek your face.

Dreams of a new world lie deep in the depths of our heart;
waiting for us to realize your vision of truth.

Your grace, O God, is freely given to us.
Your way of hope will lead us to your promised day.

We hear a voice almost unknown to us,
calling our name from deep in the wilderness.

We come before you, burdened by fear of our days.
Free us from bondage. In your truth we come alive.