

## ANNIVERSARY OPENING PRAYER

Father God, we pray that you will glorify and enlighten with your Holy presence this earthly house built to your honour and dedicated to your service. O Gracious Lord, be pleased to inspire and accept our worship; the praise of thankful lips and the prayers of faithful hearts. May this church be a sanctuary for the weary, a hospital for the sick, a home for the lost, a shelter for those facing the storms of life and a haven for hungry and thirsty souls. This is OUR prayer, in Jesus name, AMEN.

## ANNIVERSARY CLOSING PRAYER

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for future years, we give you thanks for every yesterday, for today and for all the tomorrows in which we celebrate your grace and mercy. May the work and witness of those who have gone before us be our aid and inspiration. Continue to grant us wisdom and courage for the living of these days. Take our lives as we dedicate them anew to your service, and prosper our efforts to further your Gospel in the days and years to come, to the glory of Your Name. AMEN.

## ANNIVERSARY HYMN

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:  
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world where men disown and doubt you,  
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us-  
Self on the cross, and Christ upon the throne,  
Past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

