

Intercession

Oh Lord, our people are so lost.
Our brothers, children, friends, neighbours, communities,
This whole generation has lost the plot.
People worship anything but the living God, idolising
Pop stars, sports personalities, TV celebrities.
People run desperately after shallow things that don't last,
Selfishly twisting everything, ruining everything,
Blind to the reason for their sadness.

Lord have mercy!
Hear the prayers of your servants for Jesus' sake,
For we plead not our merit or vain promises,
But His powerful name and precious blood!
Lord, on account of all that was achieved at Calvary
Look with compassion on this place and people
And forgive.

Where we have gone along with popular evil,
Show us our sin and break its hold on us.
Grant us courage and strength to reject it,
To be different where necessary, joyfully, refreshingly so!
Where we have chosen darkness, shine your light of truth.
Liberate minds and hearts to recognize and choose
All that is right and good,
That your favour may rest on our land.

Amen