

Almighty God, maker of all things, from whose creative power the first light came forth, who didst look upon the world's first morning and see that it was good, we praise you this evening

O God, immortal, eternal, invisible, we remember with gladness and thanksgiving all that Thou hast been to this world of men and women: you have been:

Companion of the brave:

Upholder of the loyal:

Fight of the wanderer:

Joy of the pilgrim:

Guide of the pioneer:

Helper of laboring men & women:

Refuge of the broken-hearted:

Deliverer of the oppressed:

Strength of the victorious:

Ruler of rulers:

Friend of the poor:

Rescuer of the captive:

As we gather here this evening O God, we ask that you be all these things to Ben Weir, his family and all the others held in captivity in Lebanon & their families. Show Thy loving kindness to them, O God, as they stand in need of help. Be with the weak to make them strong and with the strong to make them gentle. Cheer the lonely with Thy company and the distressed with Thy solitude. Bring freedom, O God, to those who are captive. We pray.