

John Newton, 1779

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G Major

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Treble

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2. Bless, O Lord, the open - ing year, To each soul assembled here;

Clothe Thy word with

Clothe Thy word with power divine,

Clothe Thy word with power divine, Make us willing to be Thine.

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1. Now may fervent prayer arise,
Winged with faith, and pierce the skies;
Fervent prayer shall bring us down
Gracious answers from the throne.

3. Shepherd of the blood-bought sheep!
Teach the stony heart to weep;
Let the blind have eyes to see,
See themselves, and look on Thee!

4. Let the minds of all our youth
Feel the force of sacred truth;
While the gospel call they hear,
May they learn to love and fear.

5. Show them what their ways have been,
Show them the desert of sin;
Then Thy dying love reveal,
This shall melt a heart of steel.

6. Where Thou hast Thy work begun,
Give new strength the race to run;
Scatter darkness, doubts, and fears,
Wipe away the mourner's tears.

7. Bless us all, both old and young;
Call forth praise from every tongue;
Let the whole assembly prove
All Thy power, and all Thy love.