

Dear Friends,

Many years ago, my son, now in Kenya, gave me a gift of a stained-glass panel which he had made at school. I've kept it wrapped up until today. I had been reading a devotion about how the light shines through stained-glass windows changing them into something of beauty. Now where had I put this gift, ah yes, it is in my camphor box still wrapped in newspaper dated 2002. I don't think I'd really looked at it before and although there aren't lots of patterns, it is lovely.



Matthew 5:14-16 NIVUK

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Without the light shining through the stained-glass panel or window, the inner light cannot be seen. We are told in Matthew's Gospel to let our light shine before others, so that God's light will shine through us and others will glorify You.

Dear Lord, thank you for the uniqueness, purpose, and significance you have placed on our lives. You are the Creator of the world and of our hearts. We rest in this truth and the peace that comes with it. Help us be transparent and receive your light so that others see You in each of us. In Jesus' name, Amen

In Christian Love and Service,

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[Christ Be Our Light - Bing video](#)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Chorus:
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. Chorus:

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. Chorus:

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. Chorus:

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Chorus:
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Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.