

Prayer for openness

Jesus, you open us
to new life, new hope, new possibilities.
You conquer the way we
close up, close down, and close in.

Jesus, lover of us all,
open our hearts to feel Your compassion
for people we would rather walk by;
open our ears to hear the cries of the suffering
deep inside where we cannot fail to be moved;
open our understanding to new ways of living
that do not diminish anyone;
open our eyes to see a vision of this world
as You would have it.

May these prayerful words on our lips
become the meditations of our hearts
so that we may live in ways that are acceptable to You
O God, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.