

LET US LISTEN



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“WORD OF GOD” by Bernadette Farrell

Word of God, renew your people,

Refrain: **Make us now your living sign.
Recreate us for your purpose
In this place and in this time.**

Word of hope and Word of healing,
Word of peace and Word of justice,
God alone the power we trust in,
To the waters lead your people,

LET US PRAY for the world — Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Pray for the world.

Open your heart to the goodness of God,
pouring out upon the world.

Open your heart to the goodness of the world,
the dear people, the children and women and men,
the creatures, and all living things.

As you open your heart, in pours their pain.
Make space for their aching, their sadness, their terror,
for the wounds of war and poverty and greed,
the great shadow of loneliness.

As the pain flows in, make more room:
make room in your prayer for the grace of God,
the vast mercy of the Beloved,
the very atmosphere of love that fills and embraces all.

Let your prayer be the world flooded with blessing,
in all its wonder and pain and beauty and brokenness,
the world inundated with God’s hope and tenderness.
Hold that. Hold it a long time.

Then carry it out into the world, your living prayer.



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