

Blessed Savior, thou hast taught us

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taught us in they word divine,
that our doings are but nothing
if they be not linked with thine;
if we be not bound to thee
with the bond of charity.

Though with tongues of men and angels,
soaring may our voices rise;
though we have the gift of knowledge,
understanding mysteries;
all will still as nothing be,
if we have not charity.

Though we have faith that even mountains
at our word we may remove,
though our bodies to be burnèd
yield we, and possess not love,
we have nothing, till we be
bound with bonds of charity.

Bind us with the bond that bindeth
human hearts to God above,
bind us with the bond uniting
rich and poor with heavenly love,
with the bond that binds to thee:
never-failing charity.

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