

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

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God of compassion, in mercy befriend us;  
Giver of grace for our needs all availing;  
Wisdom and strength for each day do Thou send us,  
Patience untiring and courage unfailing.

Wandering and lost, Thou hast sought us and found us,  
Stilled our rude hearts with Thy Word consoling,  
Wrap now Thy peace, like a mantle, around us,  
Guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling.

How shall we stray, with Thy hand to direct us,  
Thou who the stars in their courses art guiding?  
What shall we fear, with Thy power to protect us,  
We who walk forth in Thy greatness confiding?