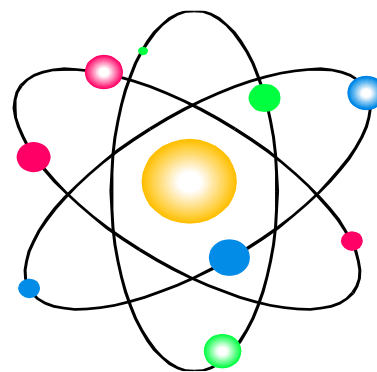


# Open our eyes, Lord.

Sometimes we stumble upon old words long hidden within files on an office shelf. Sometimes they chime with new resonance. Like electrons in an atom, they take on new energy and make new insights in a changing world.



It's like that with familiar prayers, scripture readings and hymns: we read and hear them often but one day, for no apparent reason, they take on a new meaning and speak to us personally in a new way to fit in a new situation.

As we journey through the rest of this year, perhaps this newly rediscovered prayer in my files may be a helpful one for branch meetings or services. It reminds me of Mary Sumner's prayer that God will touch and bless those we meet.

**Open our eyes, Lord  
to gently scan the life we lead...  
the home we have...  
the world we inhabit...**

**Give us, whose eyes are dimmed by familiarity,  
a bigger vision of what you can do...**

**Open our eyes, Lord  
show us the world as in your sight  
shot through with possibility...**

**Today, tomorrow, this week,  
open our eyes to one person, or one place,  
where we might find and wean  
a potential in the waiting...**

**Open our eyes, Lord God,  
in yearning for you.**