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*O Lord, most of us have a pretty good idea where we will be a hundred years from now.*

*Let that knowledge inform all the decisions we make today: How we spend our money; How we listen to each other; How we love those around us.*

*A hundred years from now, we shall be in Your arms.*

*Amen.*



*Dearest Jesus, You have given us a command.*

*We are to bring the world to its knees.*

*Not by force. Not by argument.*

*But by showing, by reflecting Your love.*

*That others may join us in that most joyful position of kneeling in prayer  
and adoration before You.*

*Amen.*



*O God, every day, every moment of our lives is Yours.*

*If we sing, let it be to Your glory.*

*If we eat dessert, let it be to Your glory.*

*If we walk in the woods, let it be to Your glory.*

*Only do not let us fritter away our years and let time die.*

*Amen.*



*Can we despair, O God?  
Not if we remember that You are almighty.*

*Can we worry?  
Not if we remember that You are omnipotent.*

*Like a baby in a mother's arms, we are sheltered against all ills.  
Like a mother, You would die to keep us from harm.*

*In fact, You did.  
We are safe. We are Yours.*

*Amen.*