

A capella (key of Eb or Db minor)

Oh Lord, Oh Lord, Oh Lord, Oh Lord, Oh Lord, hear our prayer (x2)

Lord heal this land
from the sin and blood from the worldly ways
Restore it with Your power and grace

Lord free our lives
from the wounds that keep us from moving on
Restore us with Your power and grace

Lord bring your peace
to this broken place of hurt and pain
Restore it with Your power and grace

Oh Lord provide
for the victims of the system of poverty
Restore us with Your power and grace

Lord stop these wars
where blood is spilt for money
Restore us with Your power and grace

Lord bring your fire
as we yearn to follow in your ways
Restore us with Your power and grace

Lord may we be
your body living here on Earth
Restore us with Your power and grace

Notes:

Inspired by the Negro Spirituals aka Anthems, this original composition brings together a repetitive chorus with a variation on the call & response. The leader sings a phrase with a refrain and the group repeats it verbatim. We used a simple djembe pattern and humming to keep meter and key.