

### The Safeguarding Sunday Hymn



May this place be one of nurture  
where we all may come to know  
how your endless love sustains us  
as we live and move and grow.  
May we work to build your kingdom  
full of truth and light and grace,  
living life in all its fullness  
held in one divine embrace.

From our negligence and failures  
you have called us to repent,  
drawing energy for action  
from the voices of lament.  
As the secret hurts long hidden  
may at last be brought to light,  
may the truth unlock the freedom  
that is every person's right.

For you hold the broken hearted  
till they learn to live again,  
and your justice stands like mountains,  
while your mercy falls like rain  
when the smallest child is valued,  
and the strong empower the weak,  
when each human life is hallowed  
and the unheard voices speak:

So with humble thanks we praise you  
and we lift to you in prayer  
all the people you are calling  
to this ministry of care.  
Give us wisdom, grace and courage,  
holding fast to all that's good,  
seeing Christ in one another  
we will love and serve our Lord.

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