Mantra

... as uttered in Darjeeling
by the old man from Sikkim
who turned his prayer wheel round
and round upon the axis of the world
with eyes of piercing mountain blue

These were his words
that sunny morning
thirty years ago
when I asked for
translation

Om mani padme hum
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Om mani padme ...
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God – come – to – my – heart

When the jewel of the mind – mani
rests in the lotus of the heart – padme
undivided – hum
Blessed are the pure of heart
for they shall see ...
with eyes of piercing mountain blue

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Your will be done
(A prayer from Church Action on Poverty)

God of creation
we live in the world you have made
Give us generous hearts
to share your wealth with others
Your kingdom come
YOUR WILL BE DONE

God of power
help us to remember that you can do impossible things
Inspire us to work with you for change in our society
Your kingdom come
YOUR WILL BE DONE

God of hope
be present in our communities
Give us the strength to show your love right here
Your kingdom come
YOUR WILL BE DONE

God of love
you bring us healing and comfort
Come close to those who need your peace
Your kingdom come
YOUR WILL BE DONE