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He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

John 1:10-11 NKJV

Victory Celebration

The light seems always brighter on this day each year, dear Lord. Each year the air is never fresher than on this day. Each year there is no day with greater hope than this one brings. It is your day, loving God. It is the day we are reminded of who you truly are. It is the day you conquered death. Today is our victory celebration.

Gracious and loving God. How precious is your name in all the earth. From you everything came to be; without you nothing would be. Without the touch of your hands there would be no earth, no people, no human souls, and no love. But through your love for us, you made it all. And we have come to take it all for granted.

Every day we turn away from you as if you were not there. Every day we fail to follow your commands. We fail to love others as ourselves; and we fail to love you above all else. Yet you still love us.

Because you love us you came into the world and walked among us, and we didn't know who you were. You taught us how to live, yet we have followed our own ways. You showed us unconditional love, yet our love is shallow and weak. We denied you those many years ago, and even though we know now who you are, we often deny you still.

Today we come to you in celebration of the time you walked with us in this world, when you endured humiliation, pain, and a tortuous death all because you love us. It was the greatest of human sacrifices that you laid down your life for us. You revealed your love by your death on the cross. But you overcame it. "Death has been swallowed up in victory." (1 Corinthians 15:54) It is your day, loving God.

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"Thanks be to God! who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."¹

Amen

You are the light of the world,

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¹ 1 Corinthians 15:57

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