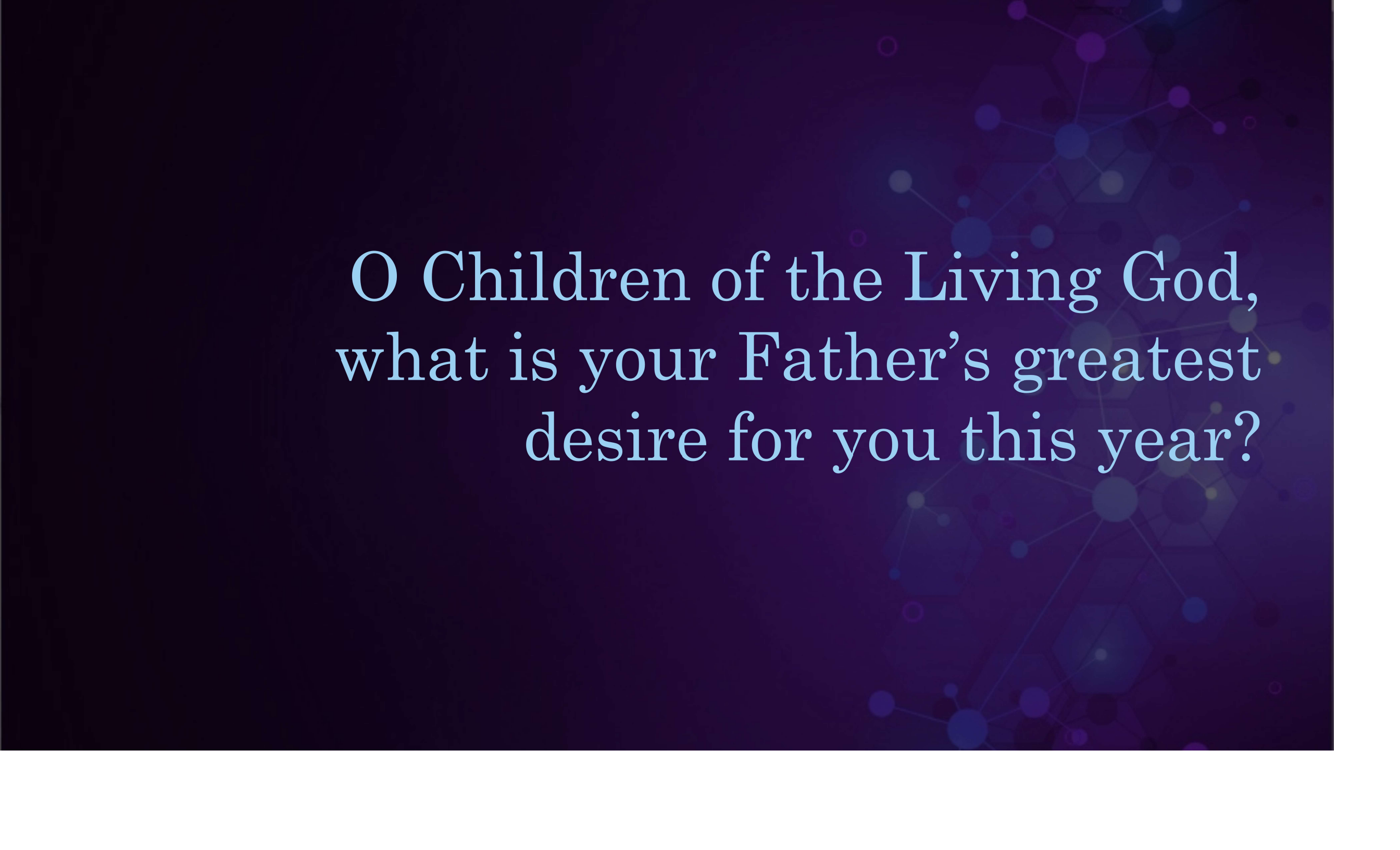


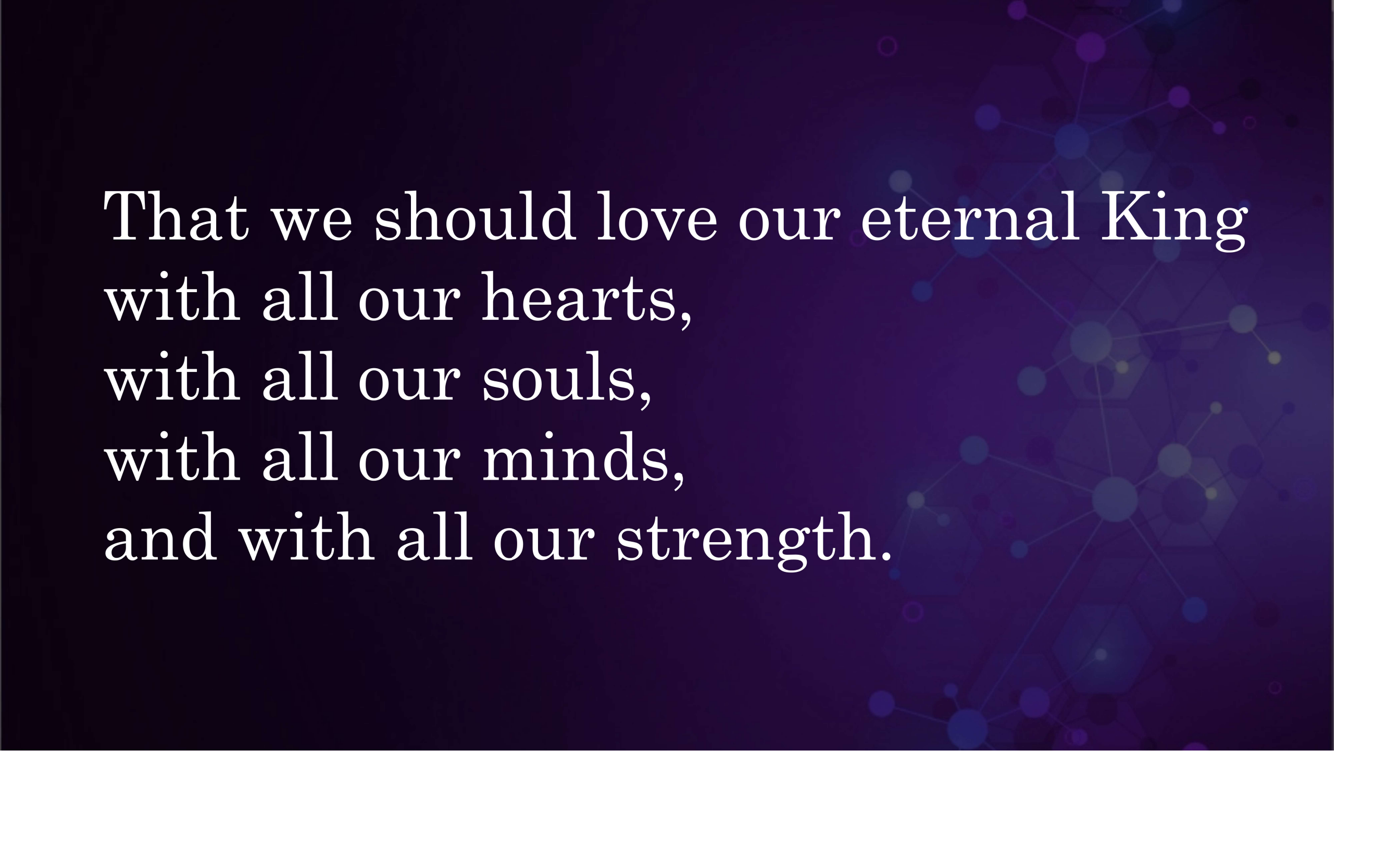
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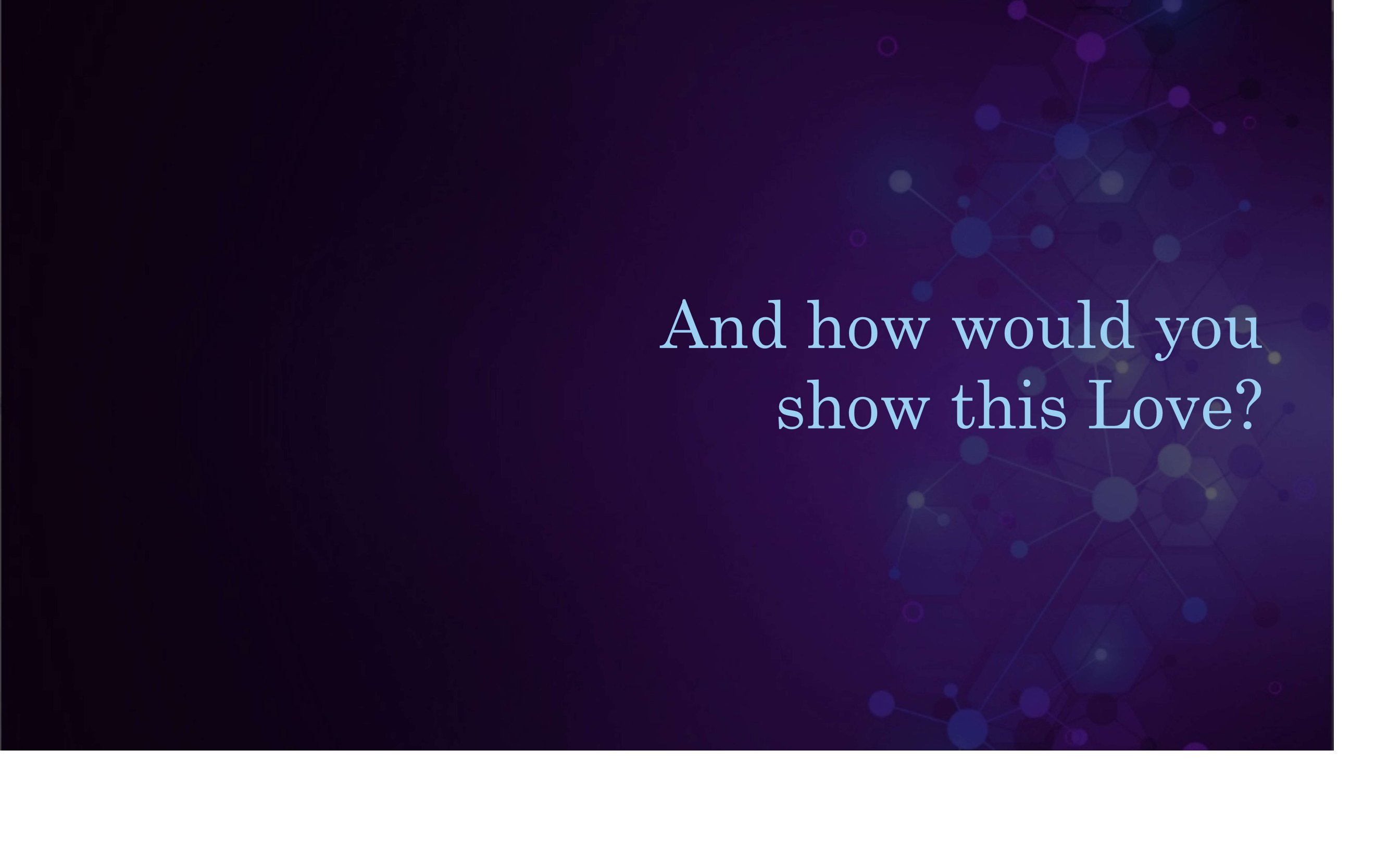
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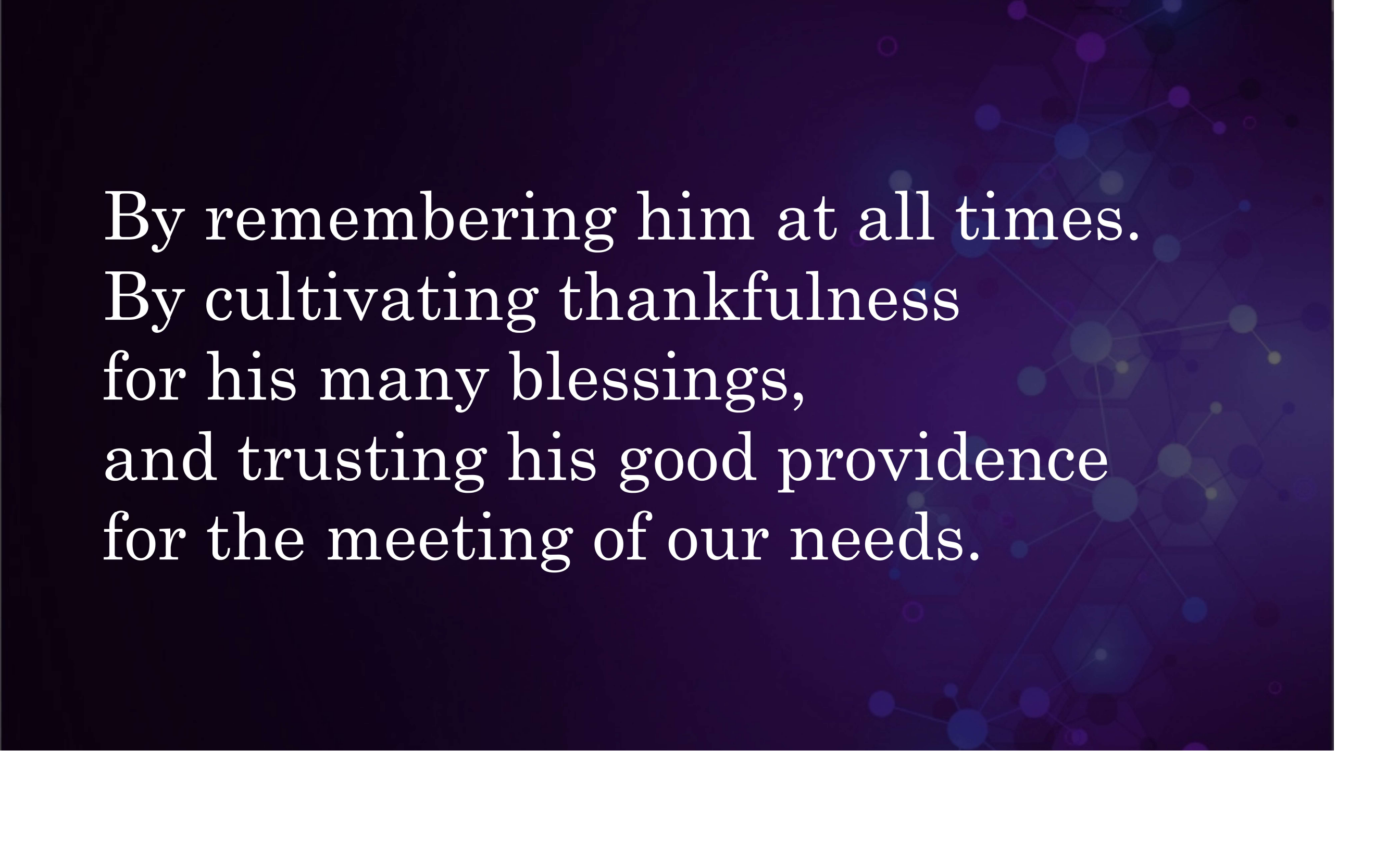
O Children of the Living God,
what is your Father's greatest
desire for you this year?



That we should love our eternal King
with all our hearts,
with all our souls,
with all our minds,
and with all our strength.



And how would you
show this Love?

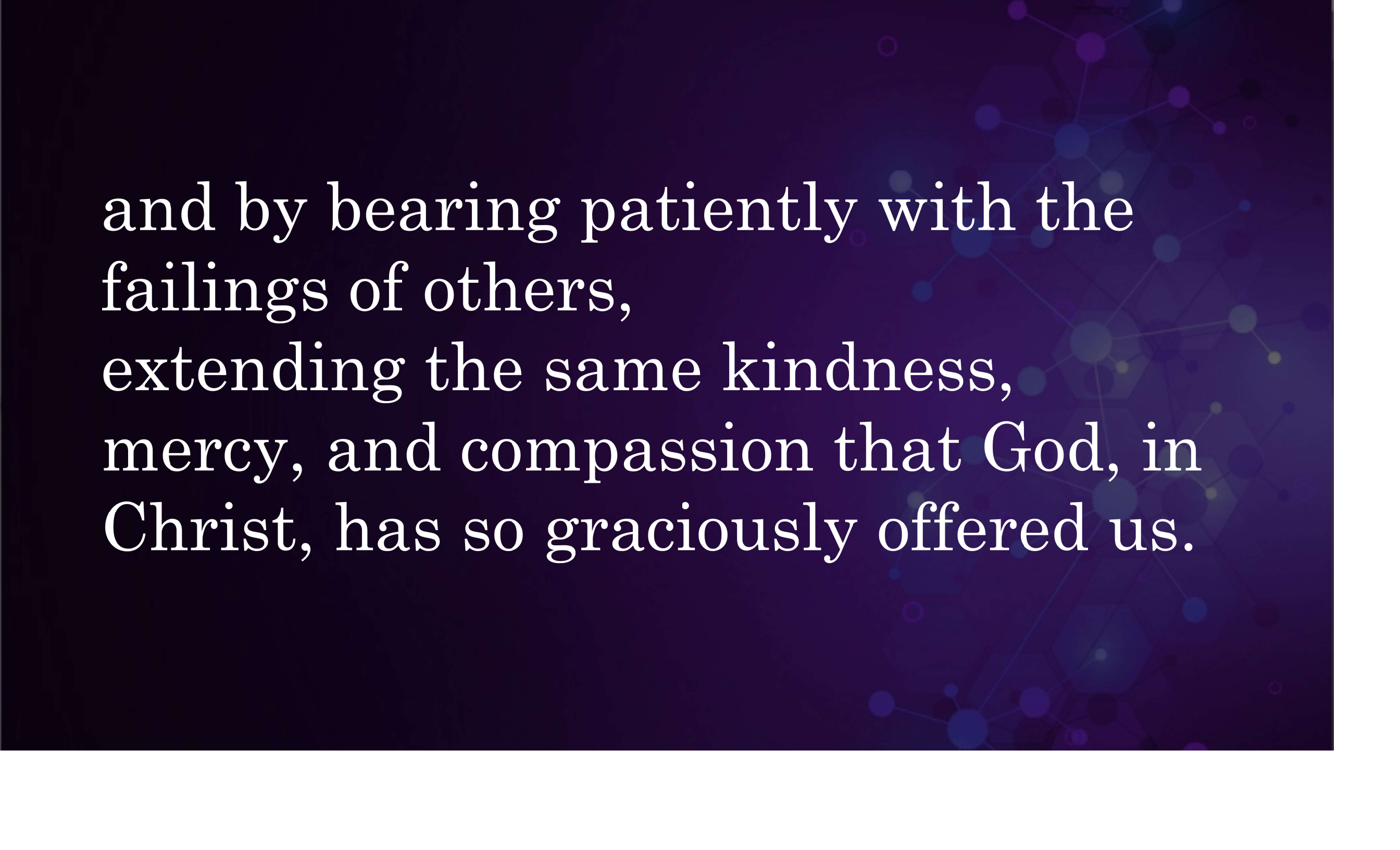


By remembering him at all times.
By cultivating thankfulness
for his many blessings,
and trusting his good providence
for the meeting of our needs.

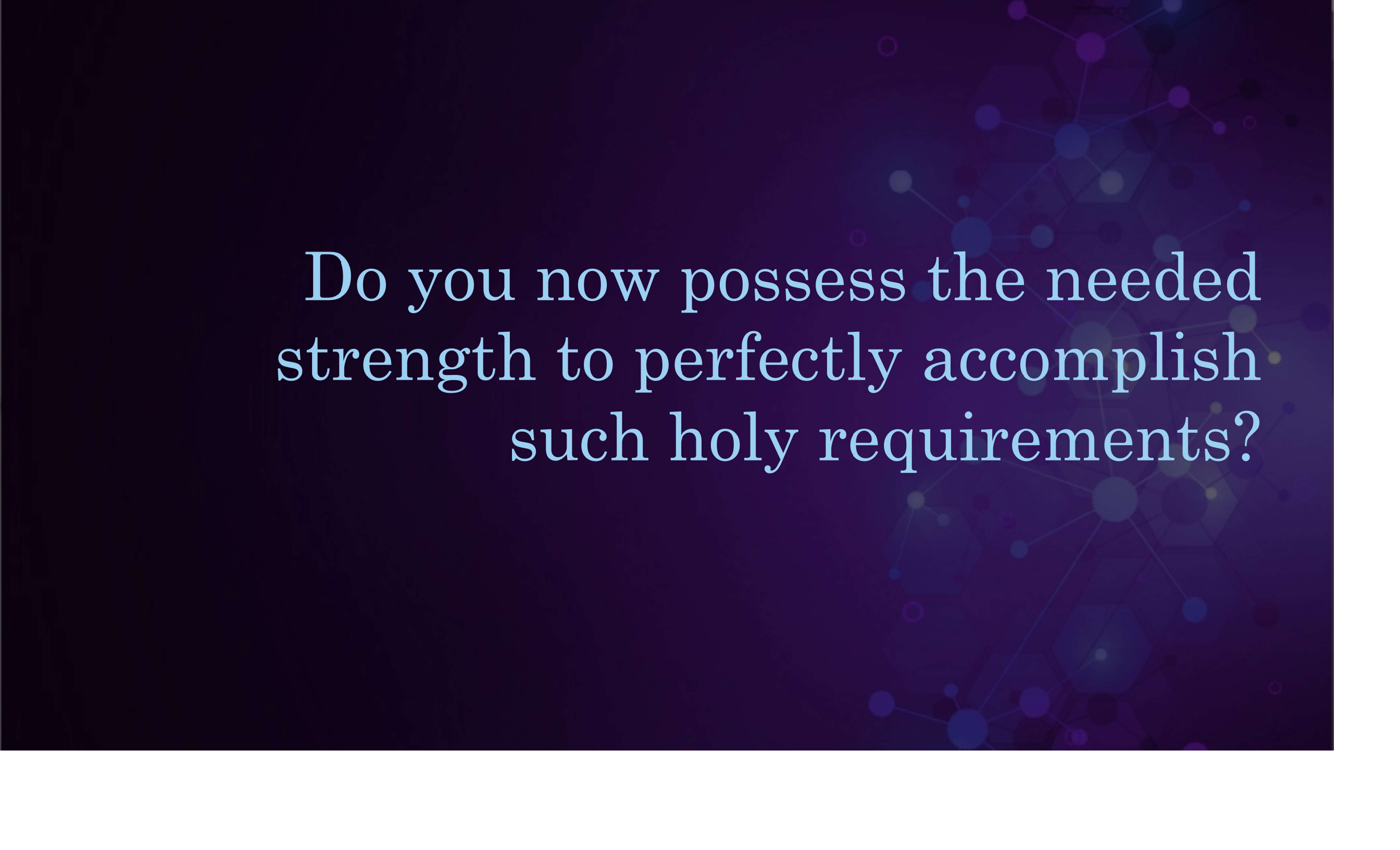


By loving all whose lives
intersect our own.

By choosing to serve rather
than to be served,
to be wounded rather than to wound,



and by bearing patiently with the failings of others, extending the same kindness, mercy, and compassion that God, in Christ, has so graciously offered us.




Do you now possess the needed strength to perfectly accomplish such holy requirements?

We do not.

We are weak and inconsistent and often buffeted by fear and pride and selfishness. But being impoverished and ill-equipped as we are, we will look to the grace of God...

...and to the sanctifying work of the Spirit to accomplish His purposes in and through us this day and this year, as we, in grateful response, seek to choose that which pleases Him.

We open our hearts anew to You
this morning, O Lord, that the
love of the Father and the life of
Christ and the breath of the
Spirit would quicken within us
a greater affection for your ways.



Work your will in us, Lord Christ.
Amen.