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Opening Prayer

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5



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Scripture

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

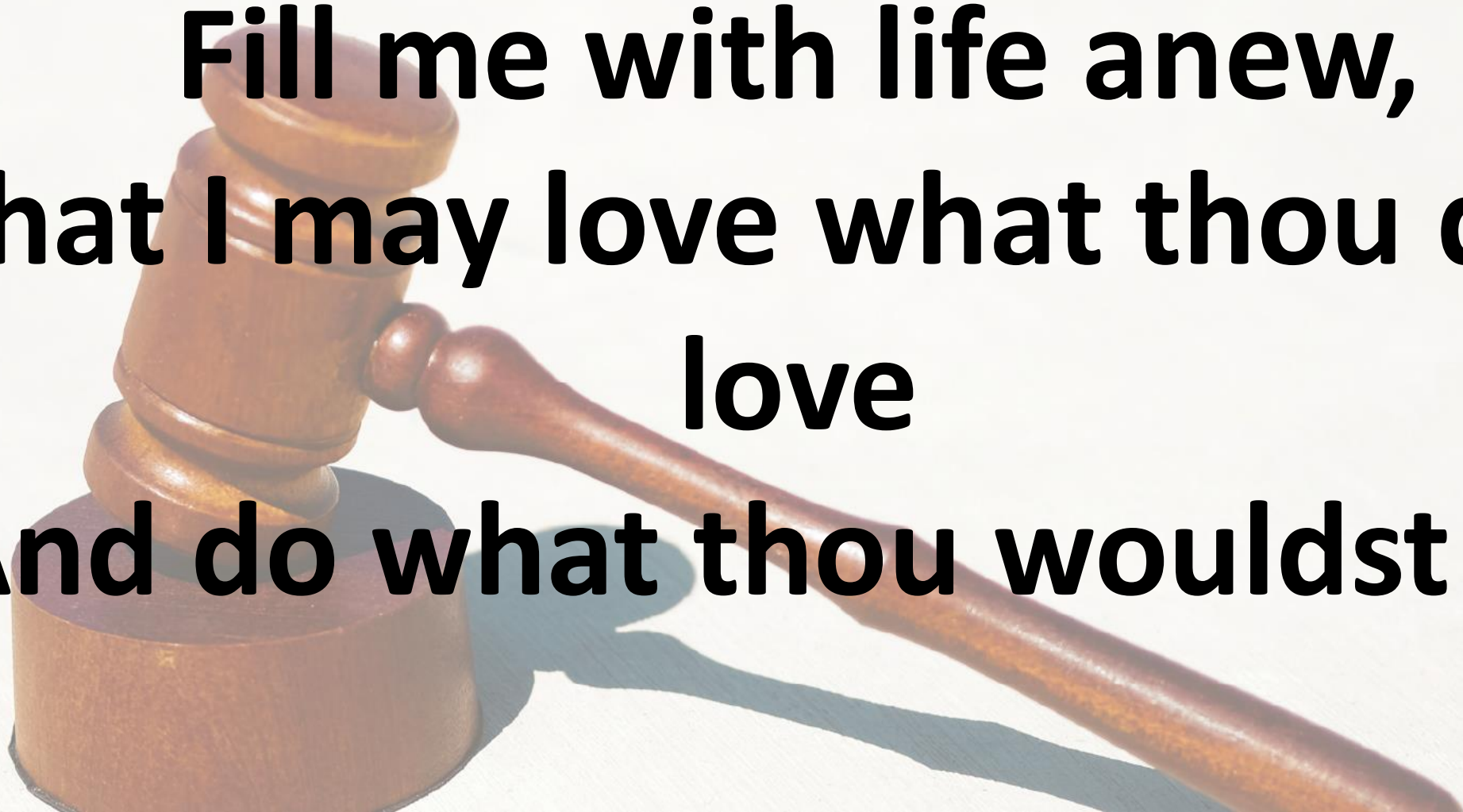
¹⁷ so that the servant of God^[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

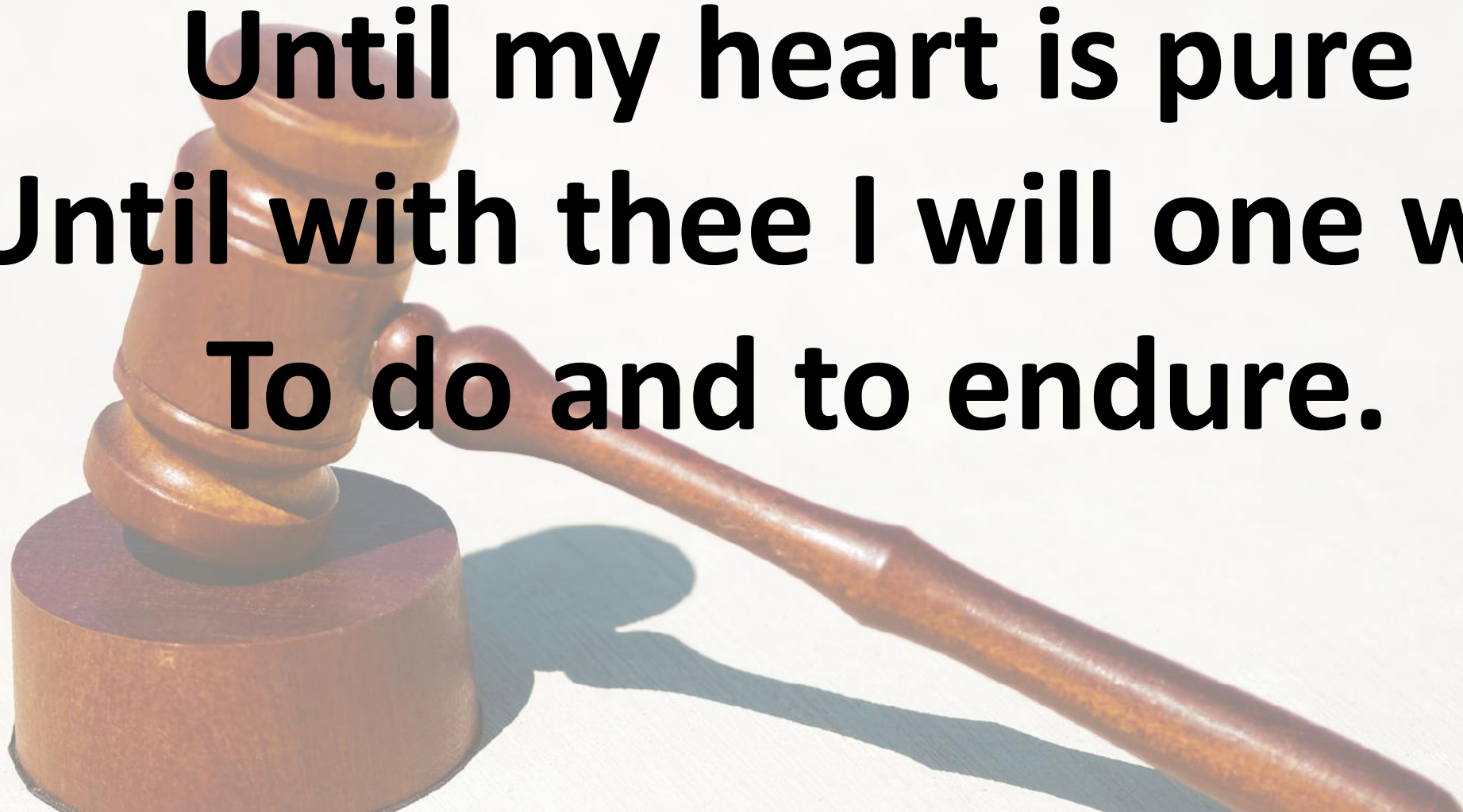
**BREATHE ON ME,
OH BREATH OF GOD
UMH #420**



**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost
love
And do what thou wouldst do.**



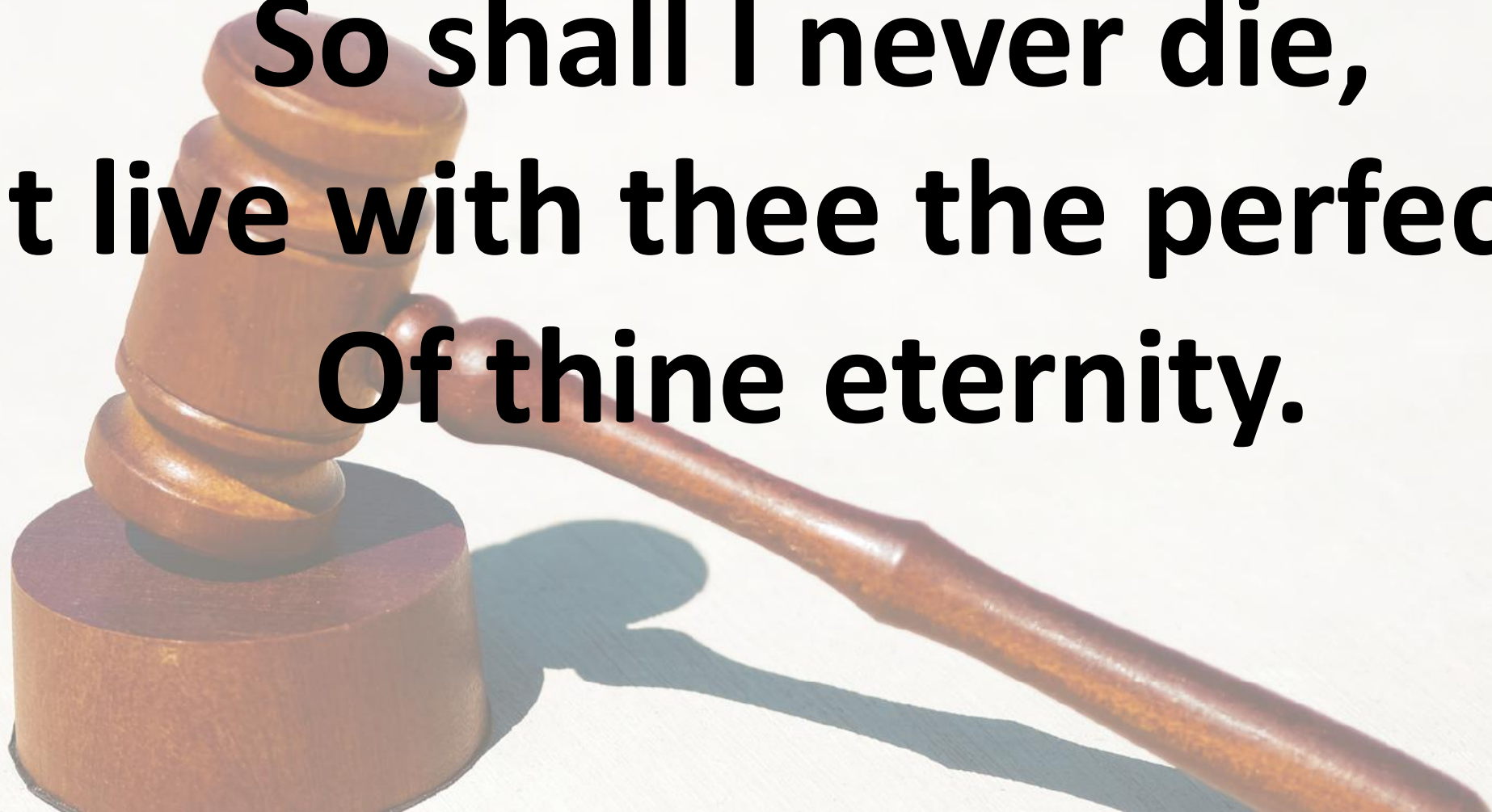
**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure
Until with thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.**



**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Till all this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine.**



**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.**



Luke 18:1-8



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Scripture

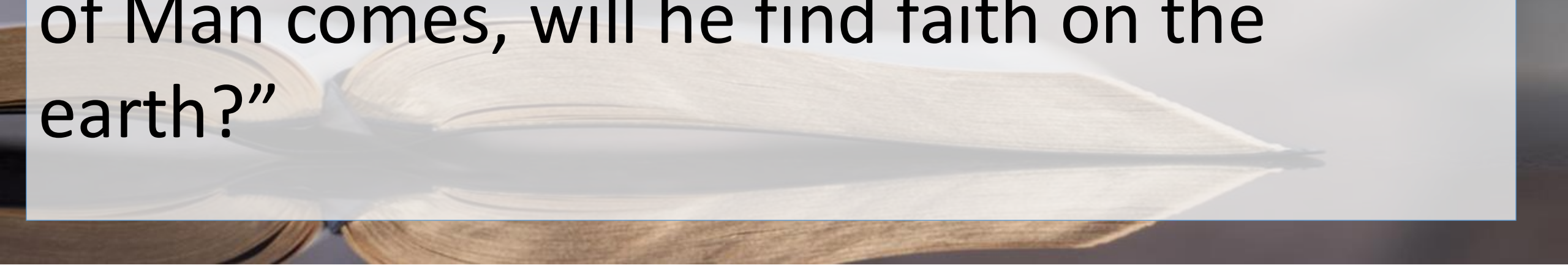
Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

An open book with a quill pen resting on it, serving as a background for the text.

⁴ “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”



⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”



This is the word of God
for the people of God.

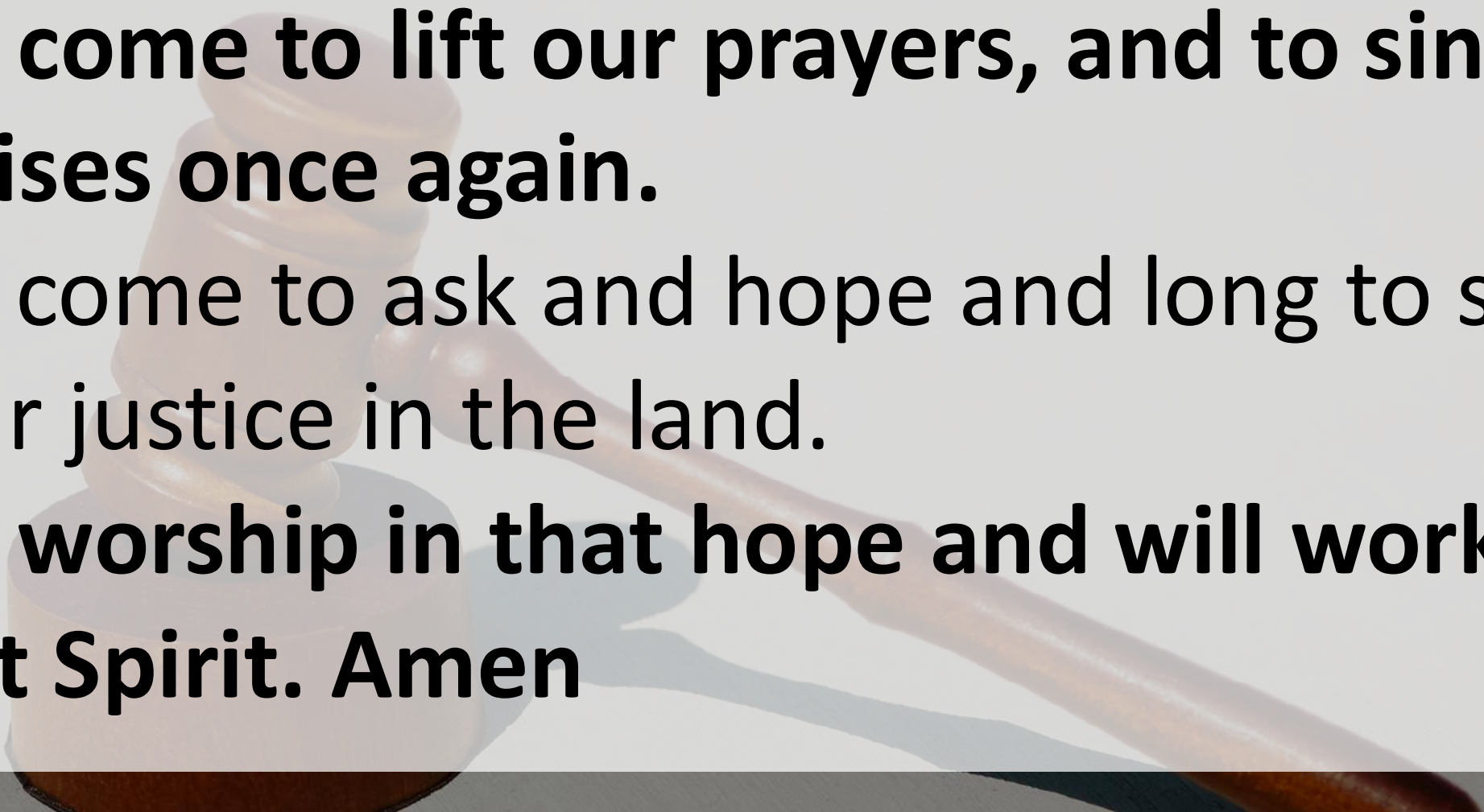
All: Thanks be to God.



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CALL TO WORSHIP



We have gathered once again, Lord of all and
Lord of us.

**We come to lift our prayers, and to sing your
praises once again.**

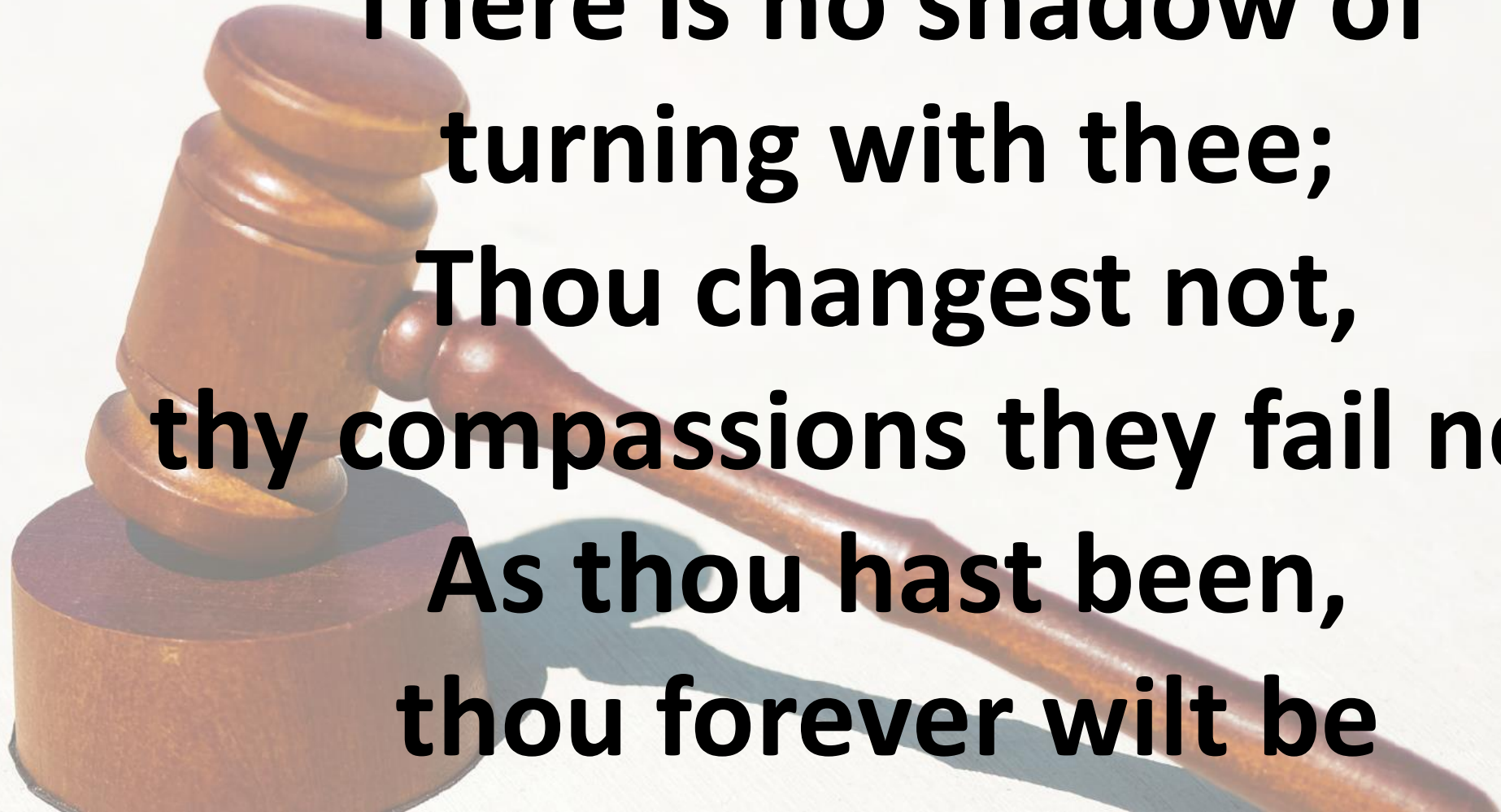
We come to ask and hope and long to see
your justice in the land.

**We worship in that hope and will work in
that Spirit. Amen**

**GREAT IS THY
FAITHFULNESS
UMH# 140**



**Great is thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
There is no shadow of
turning with thee;
Thou changest not,
thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been,
thou forever wilt be**



Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning

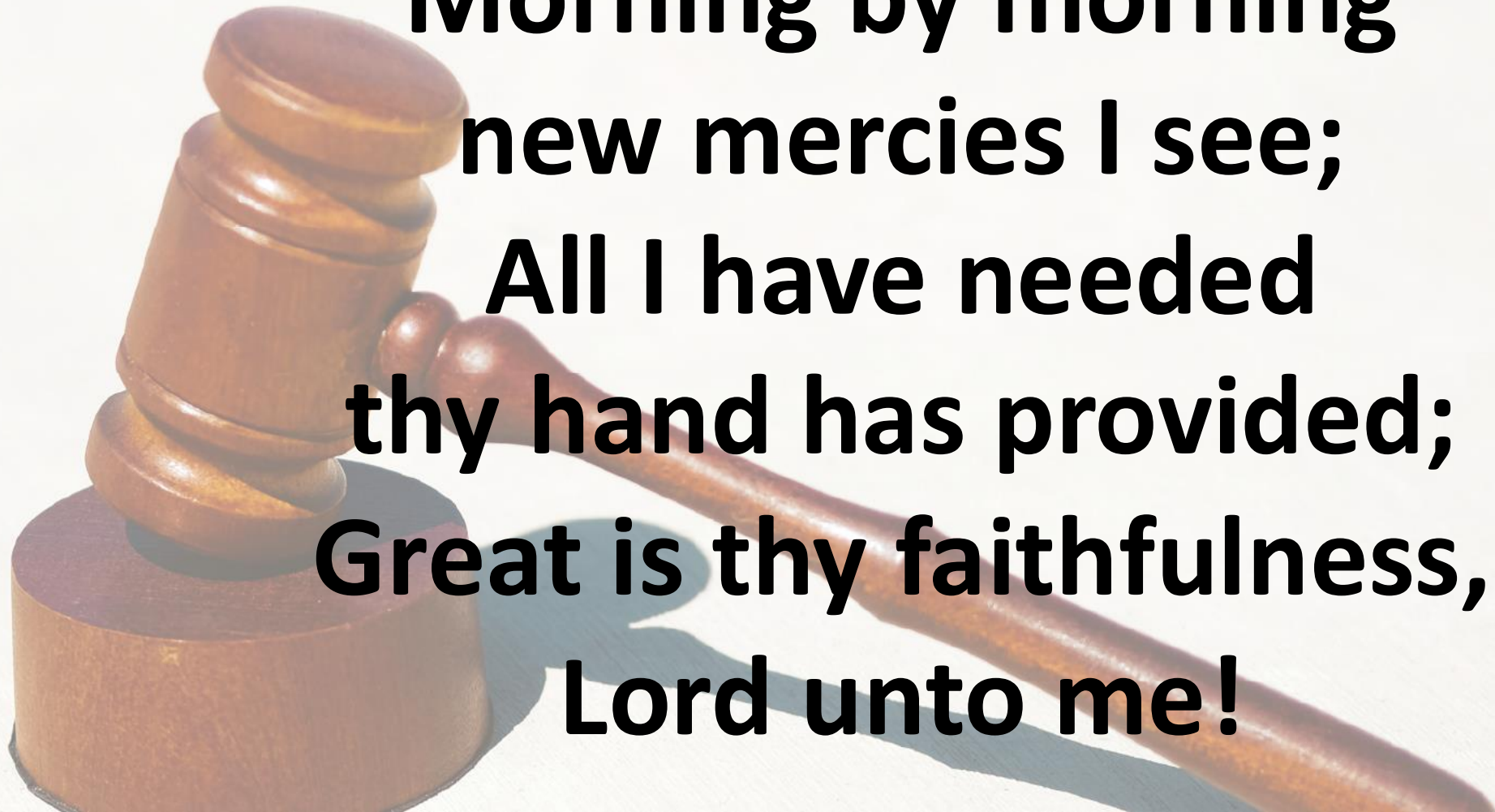
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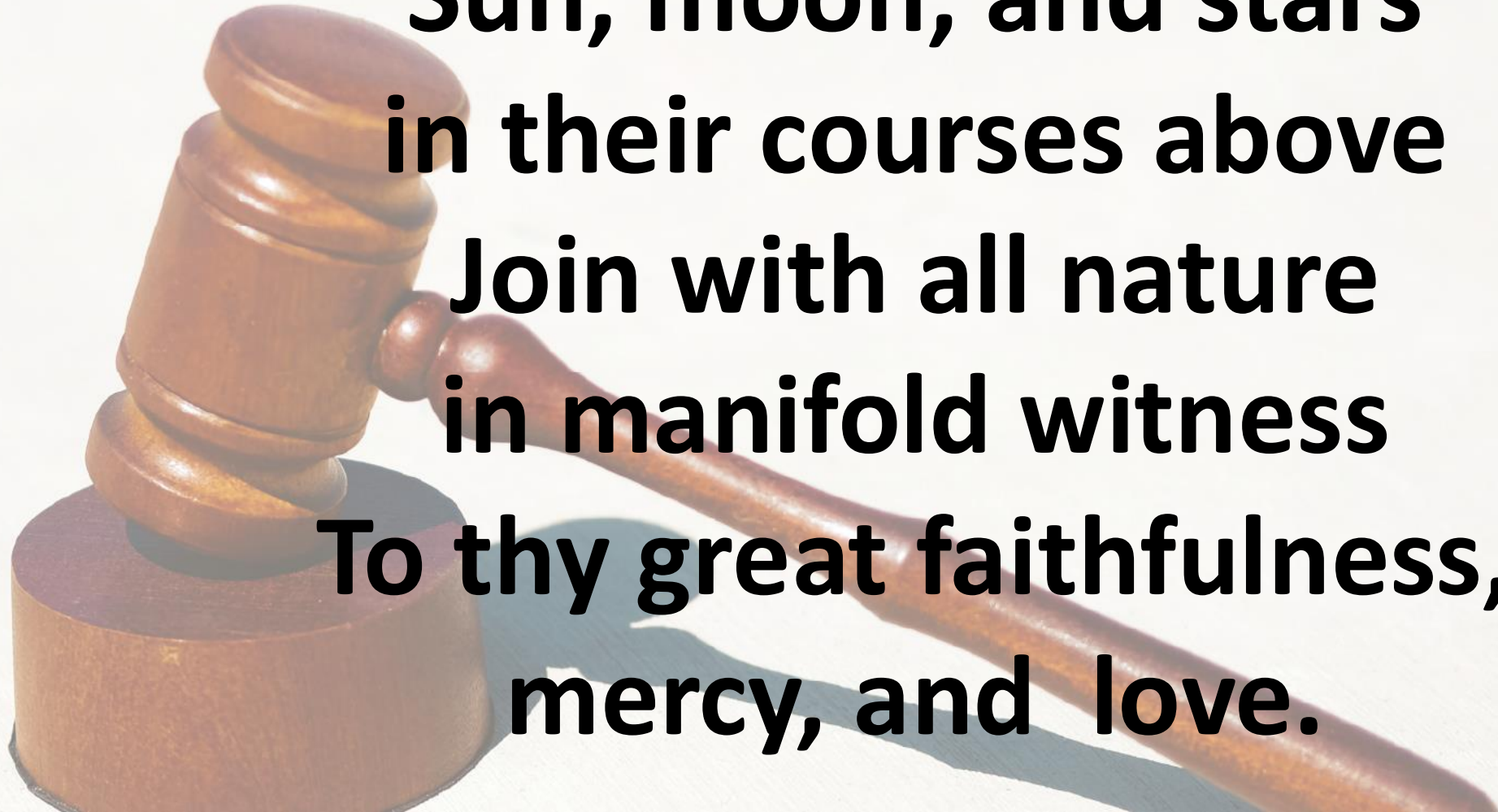
thy hand has provided;

Great is thy faithfulness,

Lord unto me!



**Summer and winter and
springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars
in their courses above
Join with all nature
in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness,
mercy, and love.**



Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning

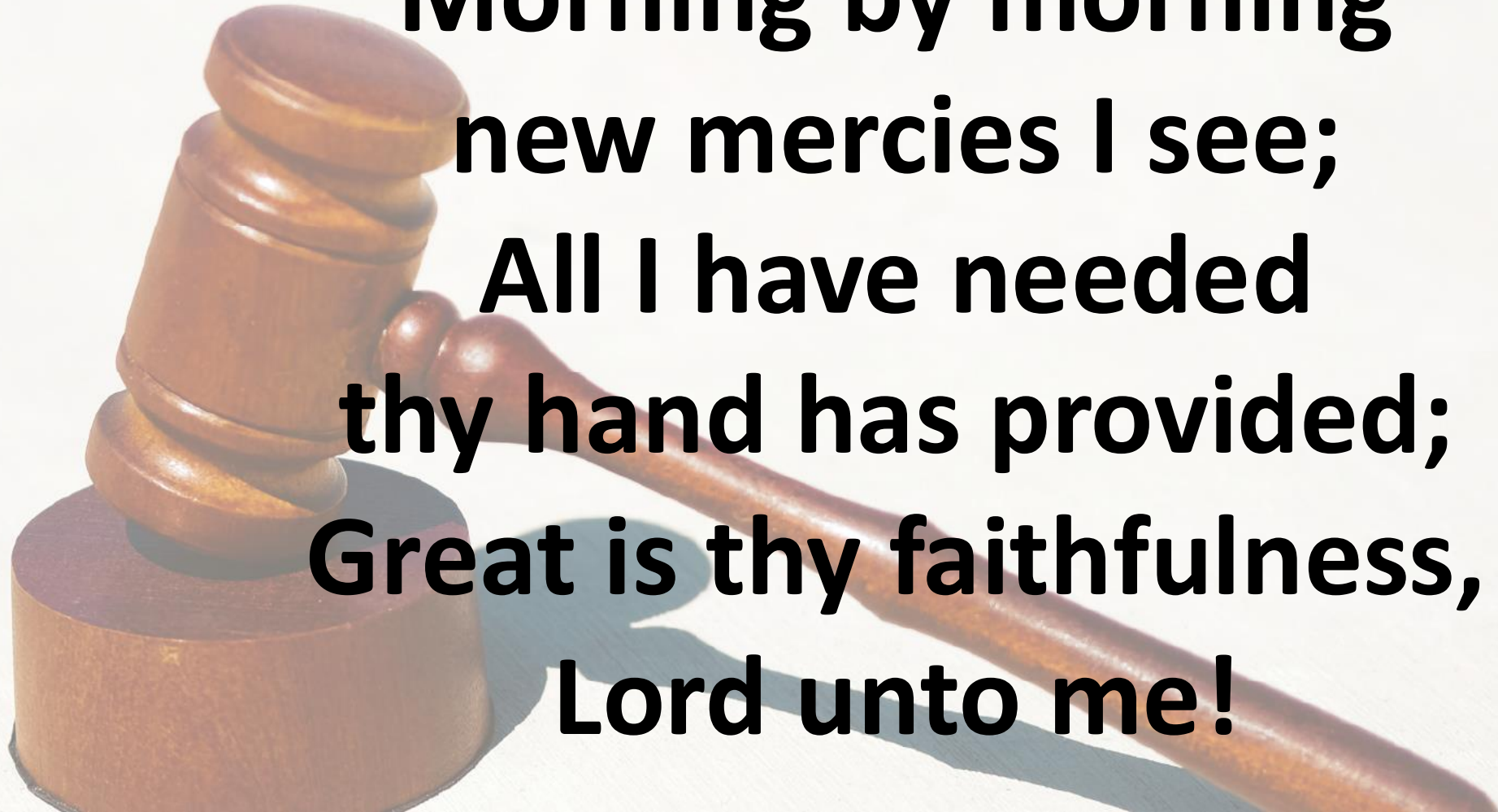
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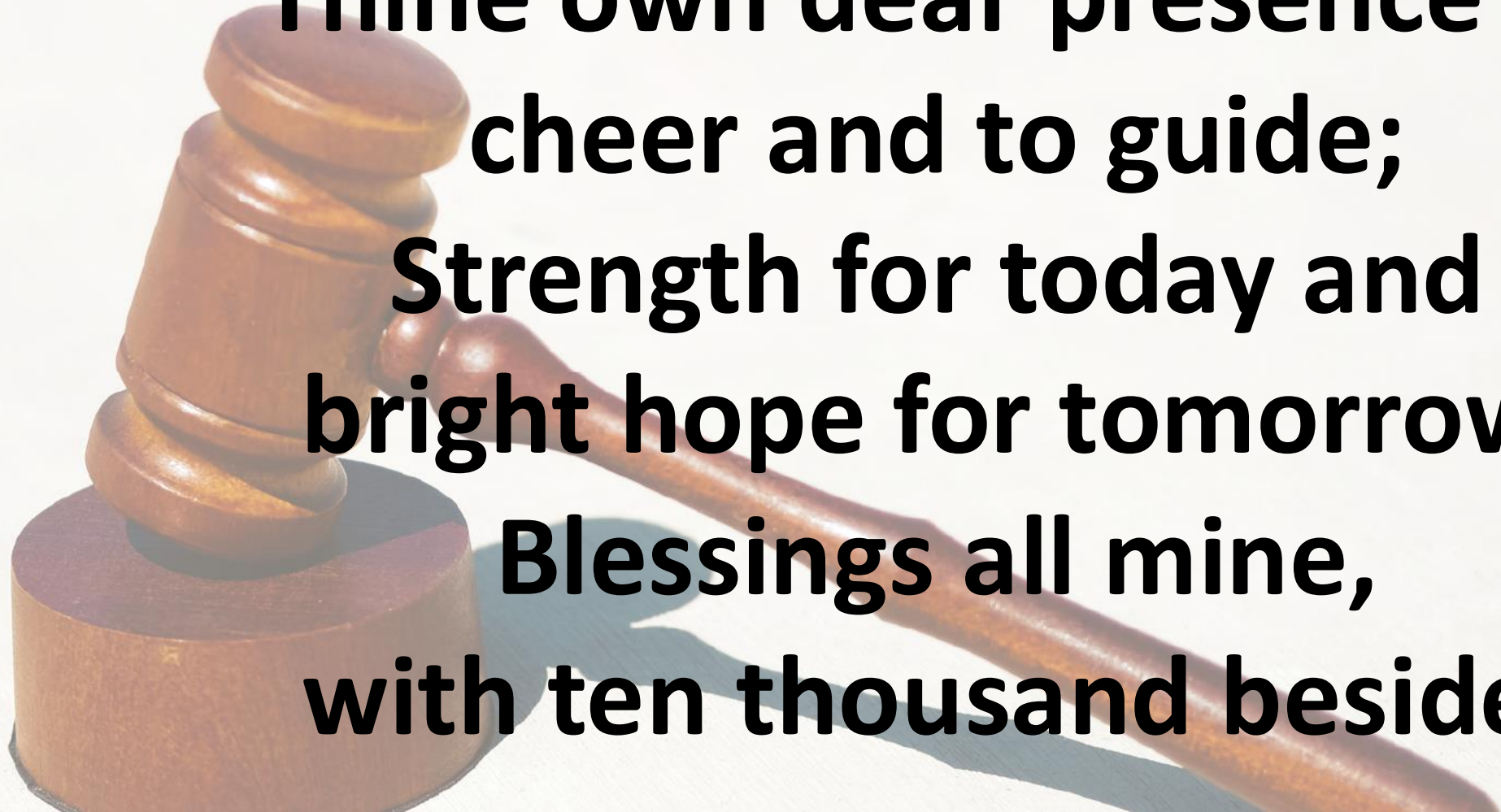
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Great is thy faithfulness,

Lord unto me!



**Pardon for sin and a
peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to
cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and
bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside;**



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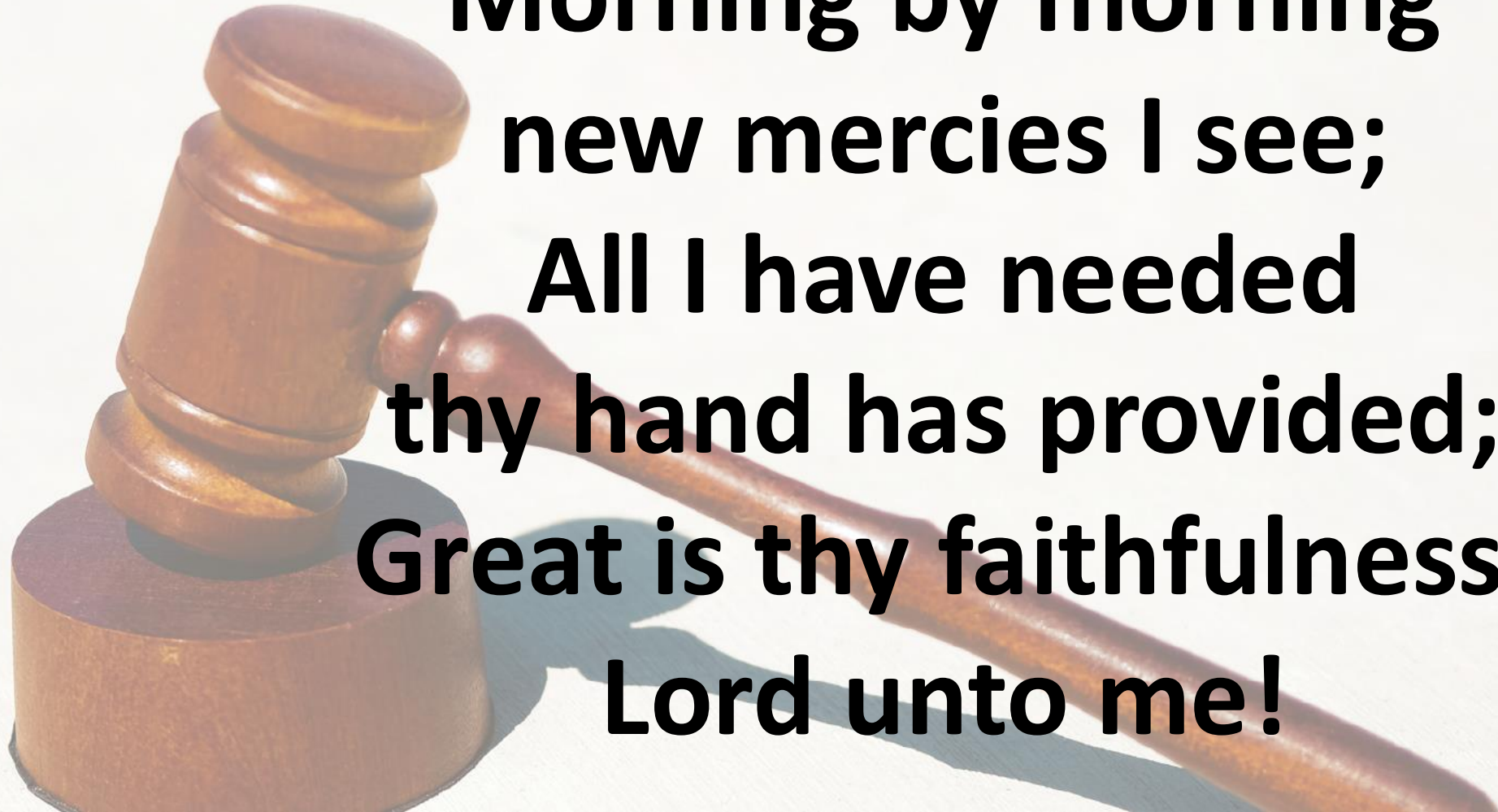
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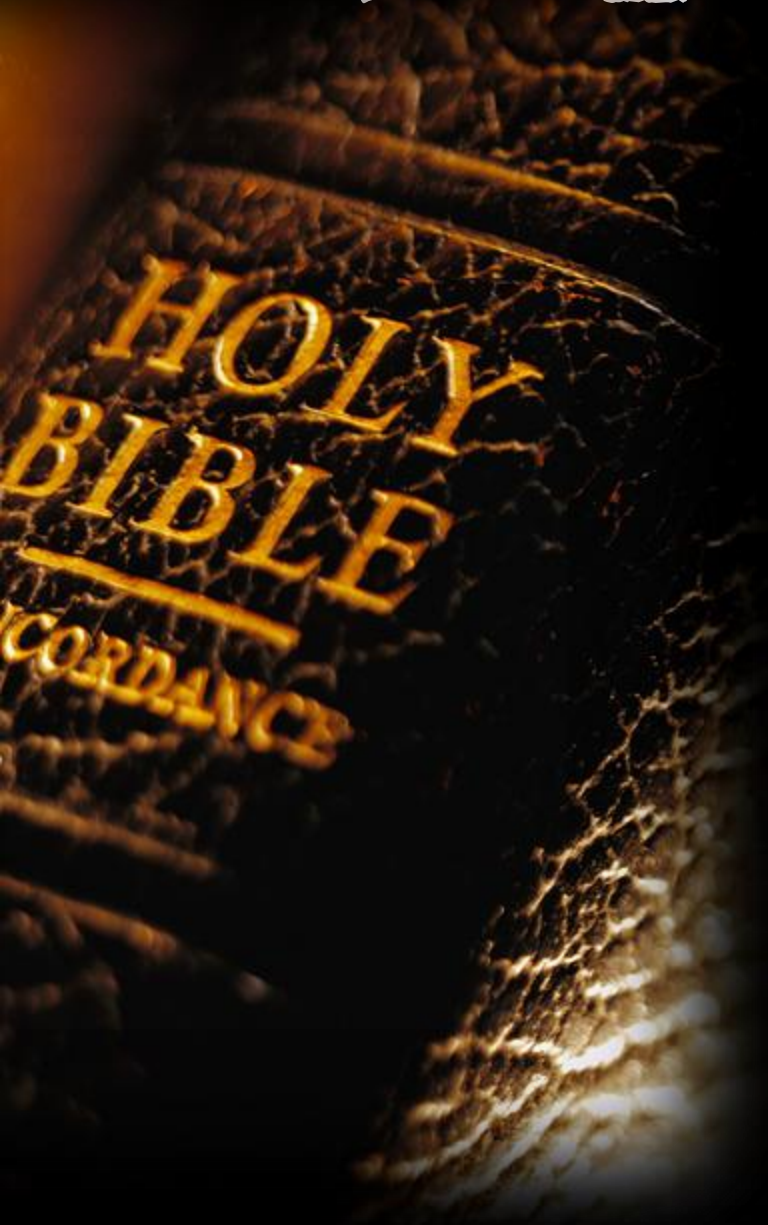


A close-up photograph of two hands, palms up, holding a small, lit white candle. The hands are positioned in the center of the frame, with the fingers slightly curled. The candle is lit, and its flame is bright yellow and orange. The background is dark and out of focus, showing some indistinct shapes and colors. The overall mood is warm and spiritual.

Joys and Prayer Requests

The Lord's Prayer

**Our father,
Who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done**



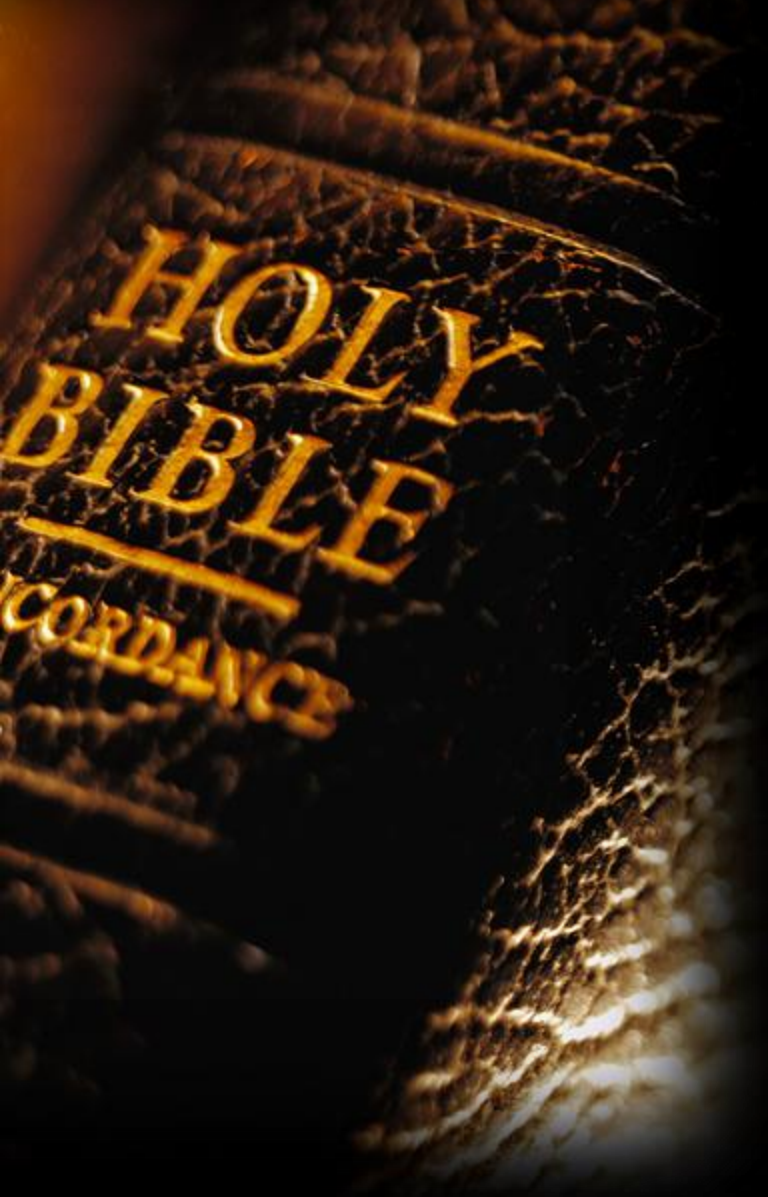
The Lord's Prayer



**On earth
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day
Our daily bread
And forgive us
Our trespasses**

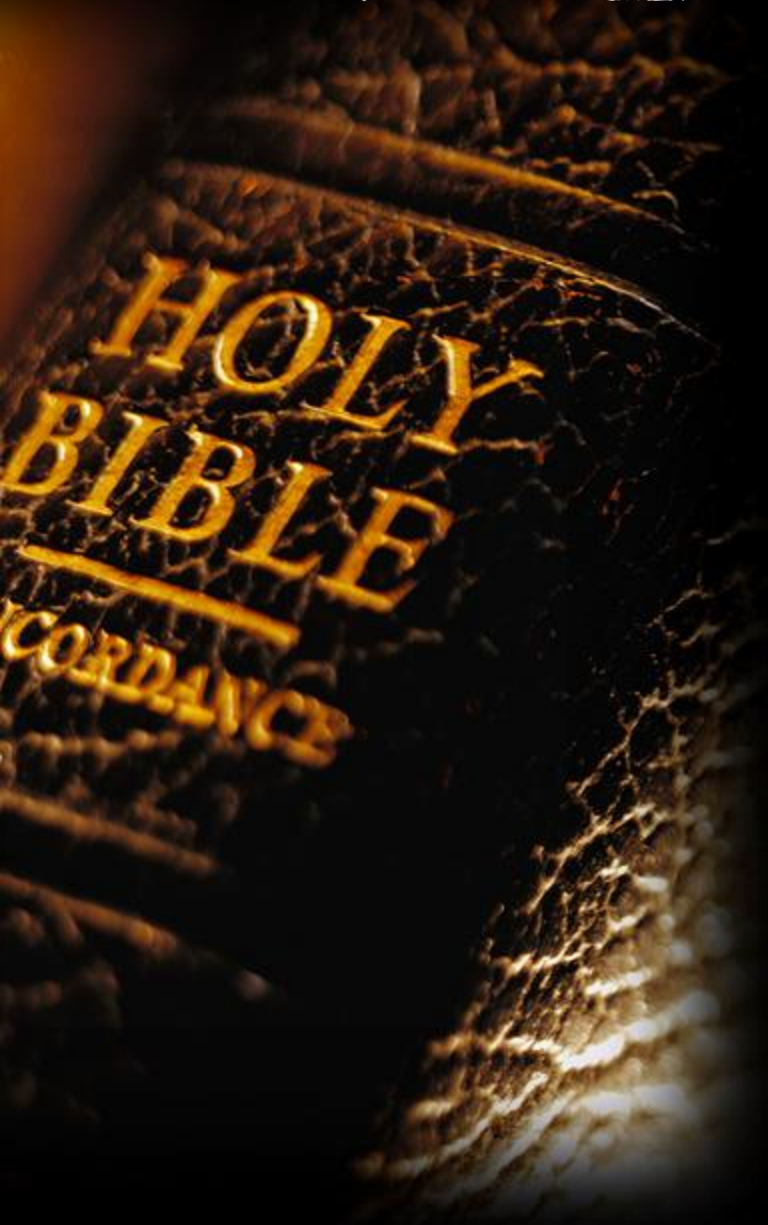
The Lord's Prayer

**As we forgive those
Who trespass against us.
And lead us not into
Temptation
But deliver us from evil**



The Lord's Prayer

**For thine is the kingdom
And the power,
And the glory forever.
Amen**



Offering



Doxology

**Praise the Lord who
reigns above and
Keeps his court below;
Praise the holy God of
love and
All his greatness show;**

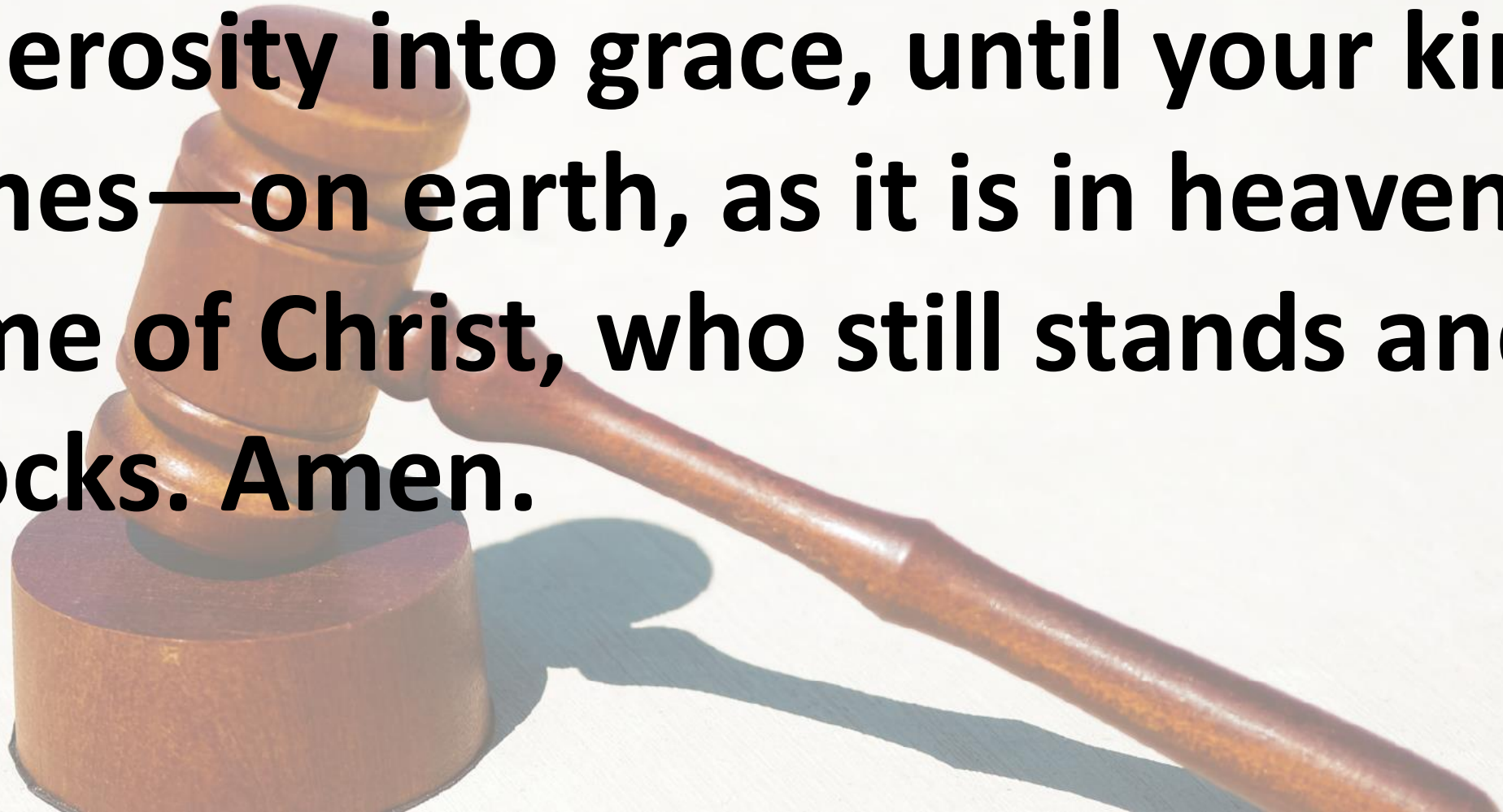
Doxology

praise him for his noble
deeds,
Praise him for his
matchless power;
Him from whom all good
proceeds let
Earth and heaven adore.

Persistent and just God, you do not turn away when your people cry out. Receive these gifts as acts of our faith—faith that keeps moving, faith that keeps hoping, faith that keeps working for justice, even when the world says it's too late or too little.



**Make us a people who do not lose heart.
Shape our prayers into action and our
generosity into grace, until your kin-dom
comes—on earth, as it is in heaven. In the
name of Christ, who still stands and
knocks. Amen.**



A decorative graphic featuring a musical staff with a treble clef and various notes, including eighth and sixteenth notes, some beamed together. The staff is curved and set against a textured, warm-toned background of yellow and orange. The word "Choir" is written in a stylized, outlined font across the middle of the staff.

Choir

Anthem

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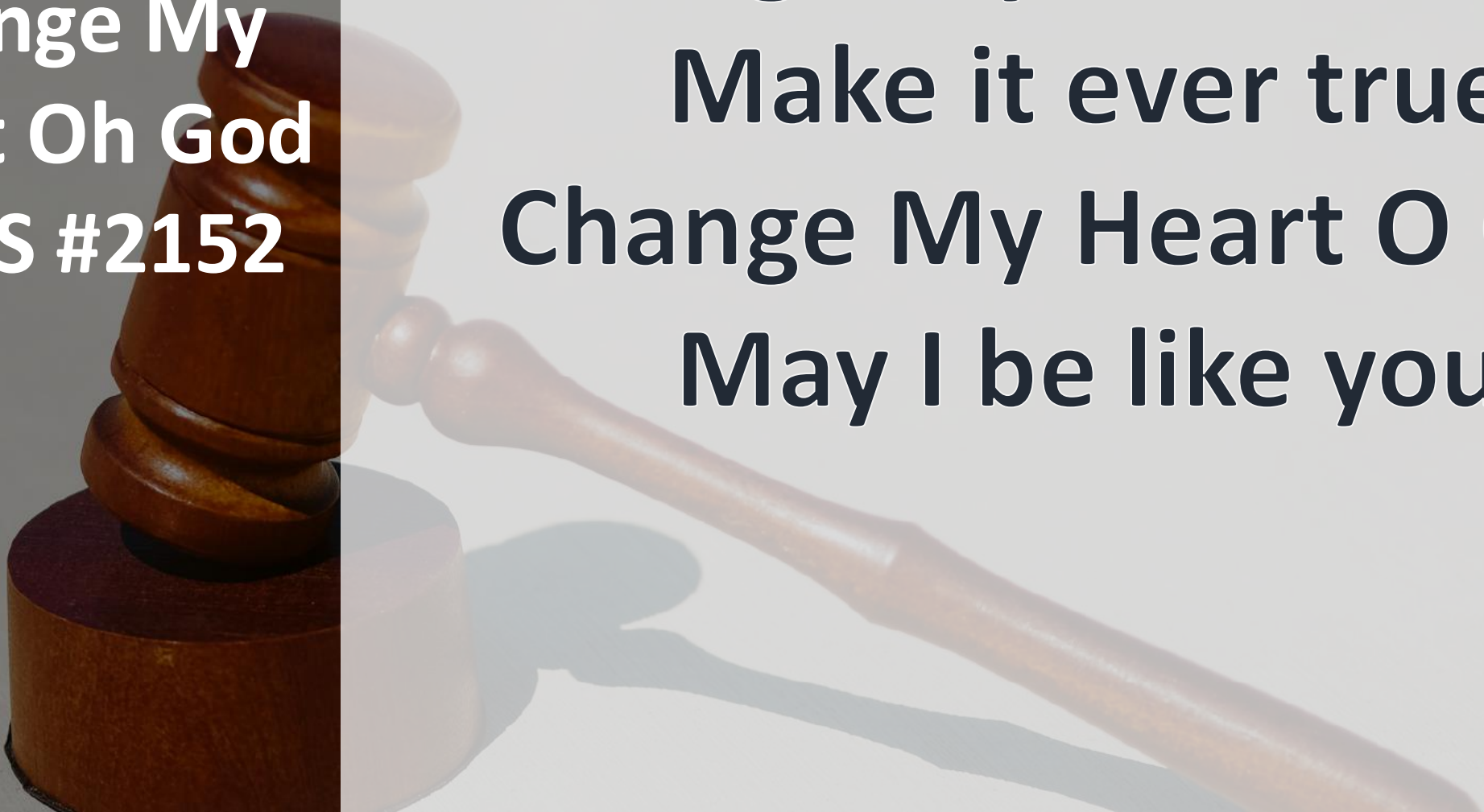
Dr Ray Francis



**CHANGE MY HEART
O GOD**

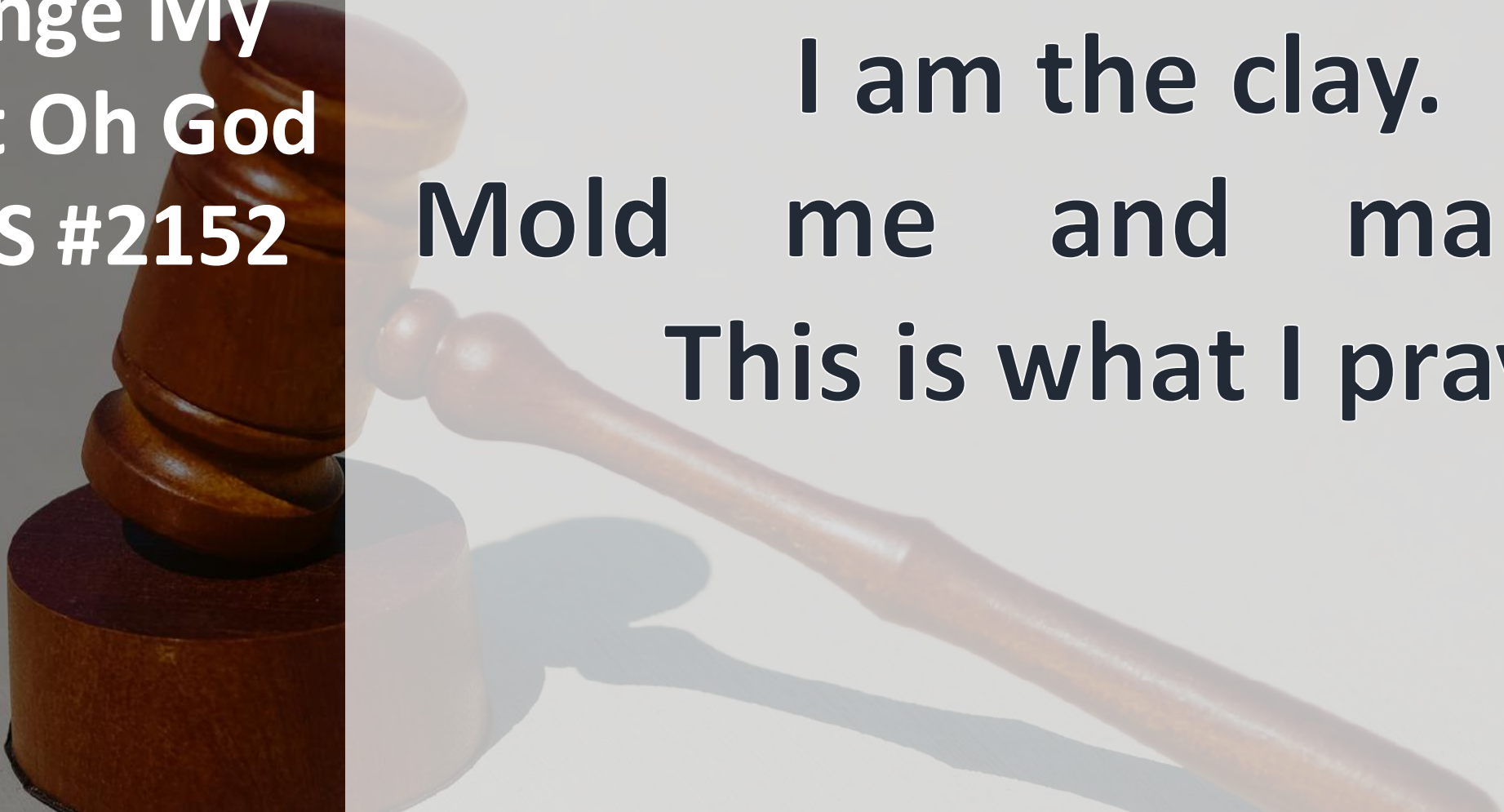
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A wooden gavel with a rounded head and a long handle, resting on a wooden block. The gavel is positioned diagonally across the frame, with its head on the left and handle extending towards the bottom right. The wood has a warm, reddish-brown tone.

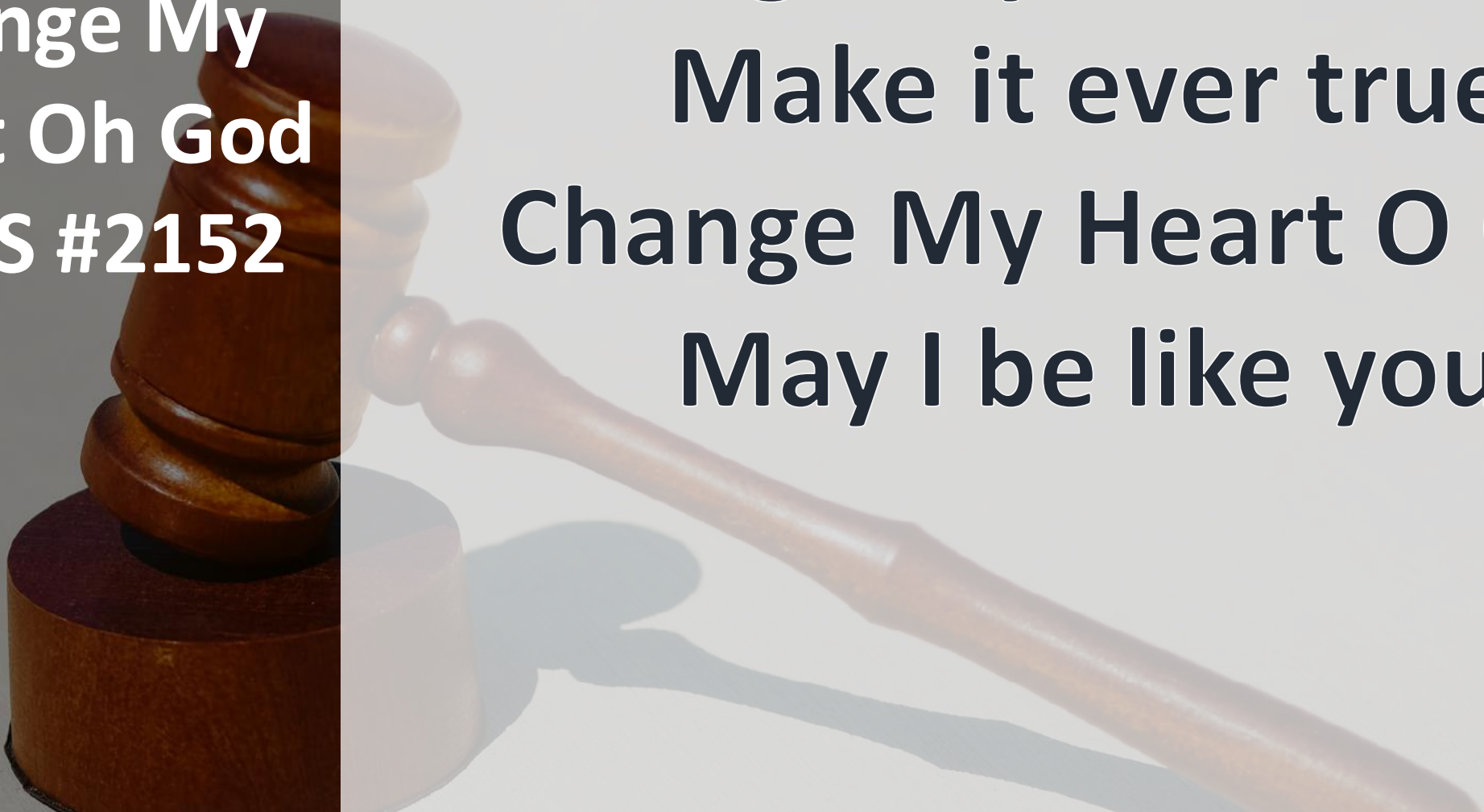
**Change My
Heart Oh God
TFWS #2152**

**Change My Heart O God,
Make it ever true.
Change My Heart O God,
May I be like you.**

A wooden gavel with a rounded head and a long handle, resting on a cylindrical wooden block. The gavel is positioned diagonally across the frame, with its head in the upper left and handle extending towards the lower right. The wood has a warm, reddish-brown tone.

Change My
Heart Oh God
TFWS #2152

You are the Potter,
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me,
This is what I pray.

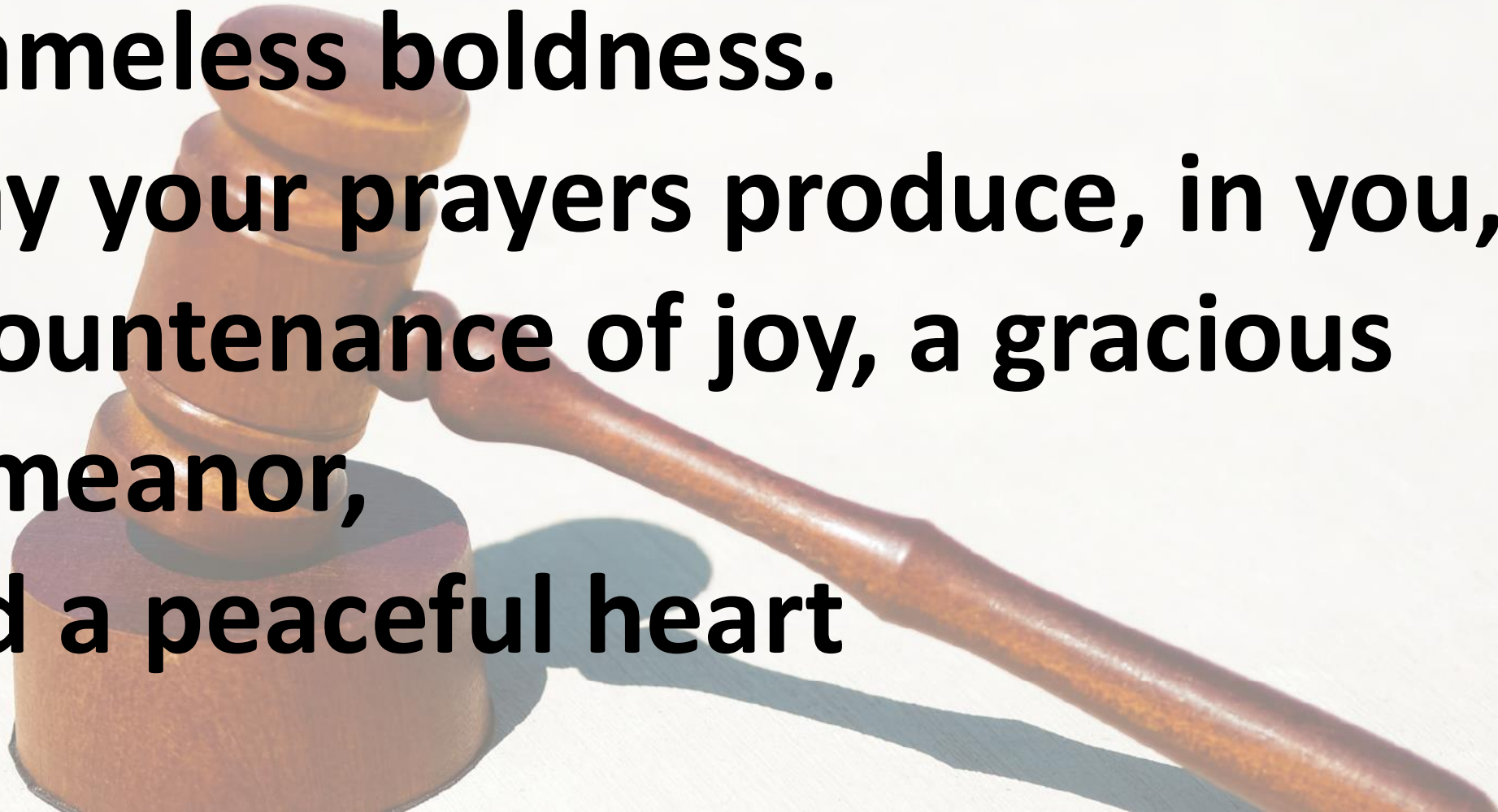
A wooden gavel with a smooth, polished finish is positioned diagonally across the frame. The head of the gavel, featuring three distinct rings, rests on a cylindrical wooden block. The handle extends towards the bottom right corner. The background is a light, neutral color, and the lighting creates soft shadows beneath the gavel and block.

**Change My
Heart Oh God
TFWS #2152**

**Change My Heart O God,
Make it ever true.
Change My Heart O God,
May I be like you.**

**May you continually wrestle with prayer.
May you beseech the door of heaven with
shameless boldness.**

**May your prayers produce, in you,
a countenance of joy, a gracious
demeanor,
and a peaceful heart**



**And may the God of hope, fill you with all
peace, that you may abound in hope,
assured that your prayers are heard
by a loving and gracious Father. Amen**



CHOOSING *Faith*

