

O God, You Give Us Neighbors

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Luke 10:25-46; Leviticus 19:33-34, 24:22; Matthew 25:31-46

Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

1. O God, you give us neigh - bors for whom your love a - bounds.
2. O God, you give us neigh - bors in this world that div - ides.
3. O God, you give us neigh - bors and call us all to see
4. O God, you give us neigh - bors; and now, what must we do?
5. God, may we work for jus - tice for those who live in fear;

They've come here seek - ing ref - uge; they work here in our towns.
We see them at the bor - der; they're strug - gling for their lives.
our com - mon fears and long - ings, our shared hu - ma - ni - ty.
This ques - tion asked of Je - sus is one we ask a - new.
may we show Christ's com - pas - sion, and pray and per - se - vere—

Their child - ren go to school here; they come to church and pray.
They're hurt - ing by the road - side, and by the riv - er, too.
You call us all to lis - ten to bur - dens they have known,
May we not make ex - cu - ses and choose to walk on by
and by your Ho - ly Spi - rit, in all we do and say,

O Lord, we grieve when neigh - bors are be - ing sent a - way.
You call us to show mer - cy to neigh - bors loved by you.
to hear the truth they tell us, to see the love they've shown.
these neigh - bors flee - ing vio - lence— some sent back now to die.
may we stand up for neigh - bors now be - ing sent a - way.