A City on a Mountain

Lord of all good things,

You have made us a blessed nation,
A city set on a mountain,
And have willed us to do for the least of yours
What we would do for you.

Make us a generous people:
Sharers with the hungry,
Comforters of the sick,
Protectors of the most vulnerable,
Friends of the alien,
People of shelter in the time of storm,
Advocates for the oppressed,
Speaking out whenever and wherever your people are threatened.

Teach us to share graciously,
   as you shared all for us,
To tithe righteously,
   setting aside a just portion for our poorest brothers and sisters,
To give joyfully,
   knowing that we are pleasing the God who desires mercy over sacrifice,
As individuals, as families,
As a nation.

Then will all know of your justice, of your glory.
For a city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

Amen