The Key That Opens Every Cage

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there will be freedom.
— 2 Corinthians 3:17

Lord of Liberty,

The story of your relationship with man
Is the greatest liberation story ever told.
To a people seeking freedom from tyrants and empires
From bondage and captivity
You have shown a way to freedom
Even from sin and death.

Indeed, in the jailer’s cage
Paul and Silas sang hymns unto you
For they had the Spirit of the Lord
The key that opens every cage.

This is the key you have given us.
This is the key that has freed us.
Show us the cages that still hold our brothers and sisters:
Oppression, exploitation
Slavery, hatred
Illness, addiction
War and poverty and hunger.

In these, the darkest places, lost in the shadows
Across the world or right before us
Help us shine a light.
For we have the Spirit of the Lord
And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there will be freedom.

Amen