



# 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**