

UNFOLDING THE ROSE

IT IS ONLY A TINY ROSEBUD, A FLOWER OF GOD'S DESIGN,
BUT I CANNOT UNFOLD THE PETALS WITH THESE HANDS OF MINE.

THE SECRET OF UNFOLDING FLOWERS IS NOT KNOWN TO SUCH AS I.
GOD OPENS THESE FLOWERS SO SWEETLY, THEN IN MY HANDS THEY DIE.
IF I CANNOT UNFOLD A ROSEBUD, THIS FLOWER OF GOD'S DESIGN,
THEN HOW CAN I HAVE THE WISDOM TO UNFOLD THIS LIFE OF MINE?

SO I'LL TRUST IN HIM FOR LEADING - EACH MOMENT OF MY DAY,
I WILL LOOK TO HIM FOR GUIDANCE, EACH STEP OF MY WAY.

THE PATHWAY THAT LIES B-4 ME, ONLY MY HEAVENLY FATHER KNOWS.
I'LL TRUST HIM TO UNFOLD THE MOMENTS, AS HE UNFOLDS THE ROSE.

WISH FOR THE NEW YEAR THAT NOTHING WILL COME TO
US THAT WILL MAKE OTHERS POORER, BECAUSE WE REC'D
IT. THAT WE WILL HAVE WORK TO DO WHICH WILL HAVE
REAL VALUE, ALL OF US CAN DO! (PRAYER), AND WITHOUT
*WHICH THE WORLD WOULD BE POORER. THAT WHATEVER
COMES TO US, WE SHALL HAVE THE GRACE TO PASS ON TO
OTHERS FOR THEIR BENEFIT. THAT WE SHALL HAVE A MORE
UNDERSTANDING HEART AND A CLEARER MIND TO SEARCH
FOR TRUTH. THAT WE SHALL HAVE THE PATIENCE GRANTED
TO US BY GOD THRU GRACE; THAT ABOVE ALL THINGS, WE
SHALL MAINTAIN A LIVING FAITH IN GOD!*