

Lord, to You Our People Cry

a hymn in solemn commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide

Lord, to you our peo - ple cry; hea - vy hearts and
Ev - en now, a - cross the years, we re - call those
Lord, re - store us; make us new. Give us life and

spir - its sigh. See what e - vil we have known,
days with tears. Ev - en now, with grief, we see
hope in you. Let the ways of vio - lence cease;

forced up - on our flesh and bone: driv - en from our
pres - ent pain and cru - el - ty. Make us bold to
bless the ones who seek your peace. Shine with love in

na - tive land, swept a - way, like des - ert sand.
act and speak when the strong op - press the weak.
ev - ery place, Sun of jus - tice, Light of grace.

Text: David Gambrell, 2015; inspired by Gregory of Narek (951–1003)

Tune: ARFON 7.7.7.7.7.7; French and Welsh melody; arr. Hugh Davies, 1906

The first and last phrases of this text are inspired by the opening and closing prayers of the Book of Lamentations by Gregory of Narek (Grigor Narekatsi), a tenth-century Armenian monk and poet.