

1 Cleanse and de-fend Thy Church, O Lord, ac - cord - ing to Thy  
 2 Yet vain - ly has the plough - man tilled, and vain - ly must the  
 3 With - hold not Thou Thy mer - cy, Lord: Thy lov - ing - kind - ness

gra - cious word; con - tin - u - ally Thy gold re - fine,  
 work - man build; vain - ly his ward the watch - man keep;  
 still af - ford; And though we noth - ing can de - serve,

and seal each right - eous off - ering Thine, un - blem - ished,  
 vain - ly the shep - herd tend the sheep, un - less Thou  
 of Thy great good - ness still pre - serve; and of Thy

ho - ly, per - fect, pure, in end - less glo - ry to en - dure.  
 feed, guard, keep, and bless, O Lord, our strength and right - eousness.  
 mer - cy's bound - less store, keep Thy whole Church for ev - er - more.

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