

Make Me a Blessing, Lord

Make me a blessing, Lord! Help me To help those needing help, to be A blessing to my fellow men. Instruct me when to speak and when To hold my speech, when to be bold In giving and when to withhold; And if I have not strength enough, Then give me strength. Lord, make me tough With my own self but tender toward All others. Let there be outpoured On me the gentleness to bless All who have need of gentleness. Give me a word, a touch to fill The lonely life, faith for the ill, And courage to keep hearts up though My own is feeling just as low. When men have bitter things to meet And quail and would accept defeat, Then let me lift their eyes to see The vision of Thy victory. Help me to help; help me to give The wisdom and the will to live! —James Dillet Freeman