

## **Benediction for February 18, 2018**

Lord, send us forth inspired, excited,  
Filled with an abiding hope  
That will carry us through the days ahead.

Through the open door you've set before us,  
And into our city, aware of all that surrounds us,  
Aware of all that Christ died for,

Aware of the the thin places that  
Whisper of your new world.  
Aware of the borders you call us to cross in love.  
Aware of our vitality in your reconciling work.

Send us forth as your people,  
Satisfied but ever eager to learn,  
To face challenges,  
To serve.

Grant us faith. Grant us courage.  
Guide us.