

God's loving and generous gifts to Hilda, and to us, shining like jewels in the land.

Blessed are you God of each land
for giving Hilda as a radiant jewel
to light up the darkness of his people.

Faithful in both achievement
and adversity,

constant in disappointment,
wise mentor, generous host,

counsellor of rulers,
friend of cowherds,

encourager of talents,
able teacher,
noble in bearing.

Unceasing in praise –
light up our lands and lives today.

Ray Simpson
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For like jewels of a crown

they shall shine

on his land.

Zechariah 9:16



May we shine like jewels in our land.

Think and pray:

God gave Hilda many gifts
and they shone brightly.

What special gifts has God given me?

Do I allow them to shine so
that others can benefit from them?

*Do I hide some of them away
and never use them?*

Would encouragement from others
help me to use my gifts
more freely?

*Could I encourage others
to share their gifts?*

I have gifts that you don't have
and you have gifts that I don't have.

Thus we are made different
so that we can know
our need of each other.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu