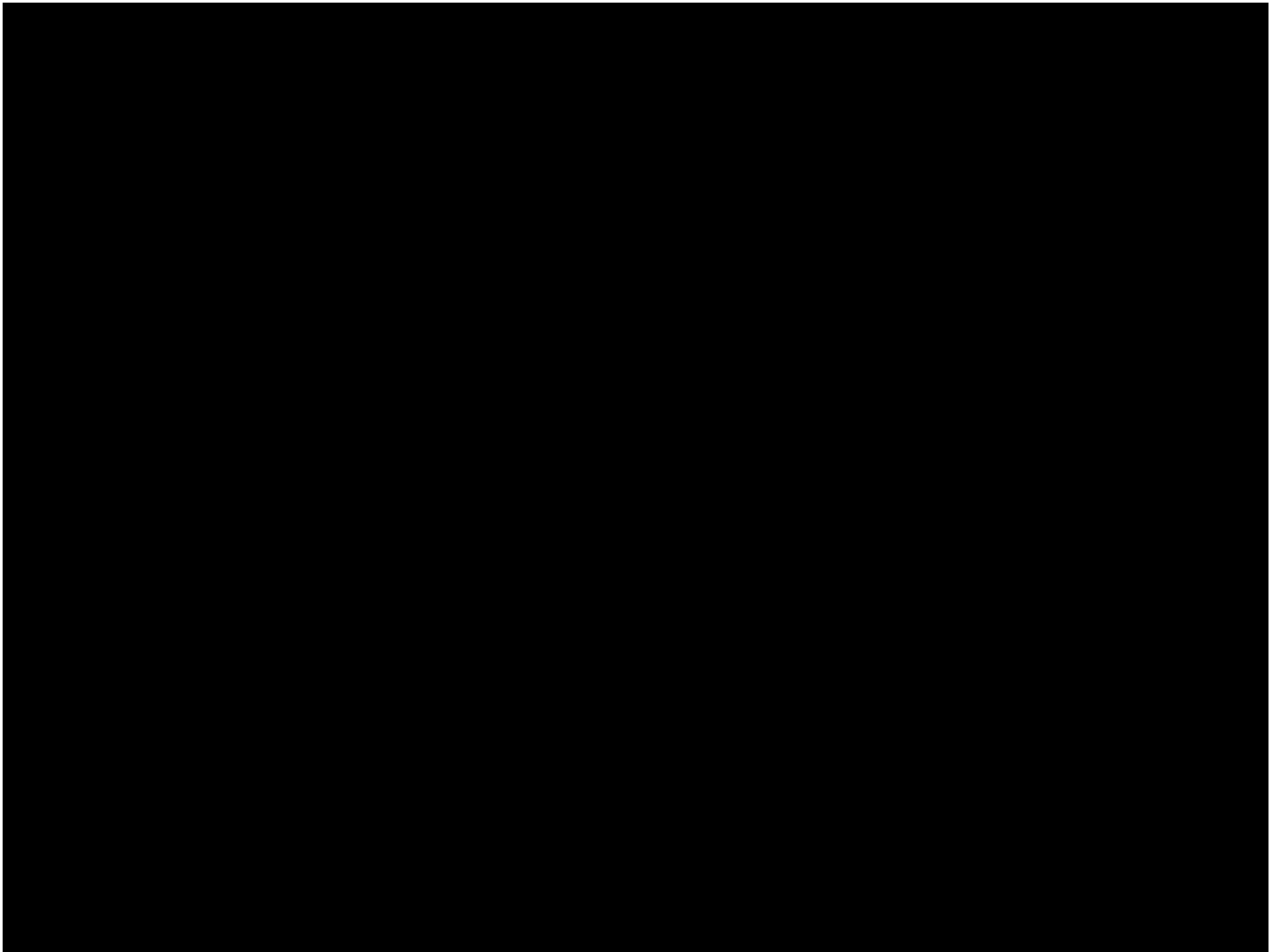
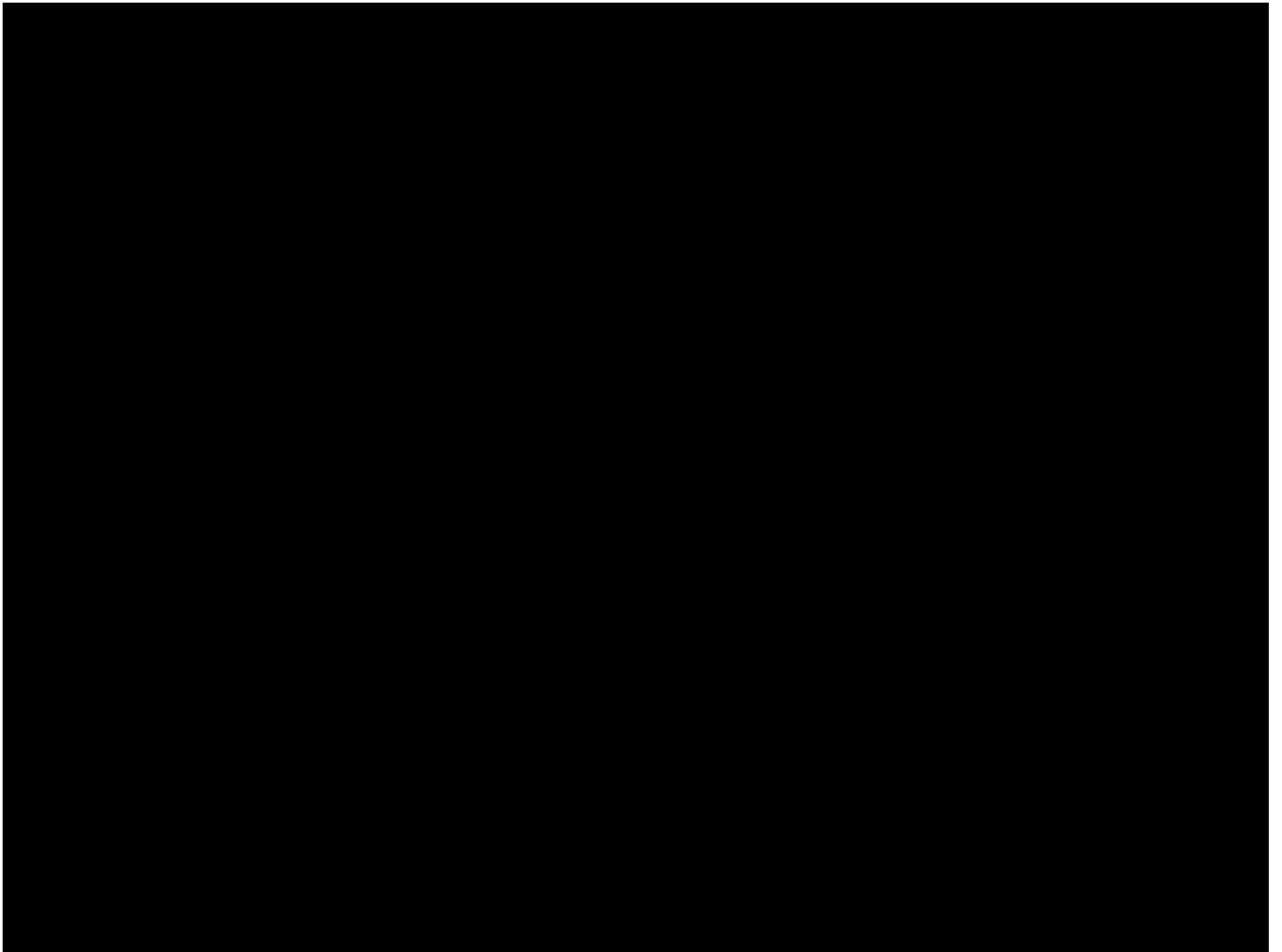


**Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may listen for  
your whispered voice  
and look honestly at our own lives.**



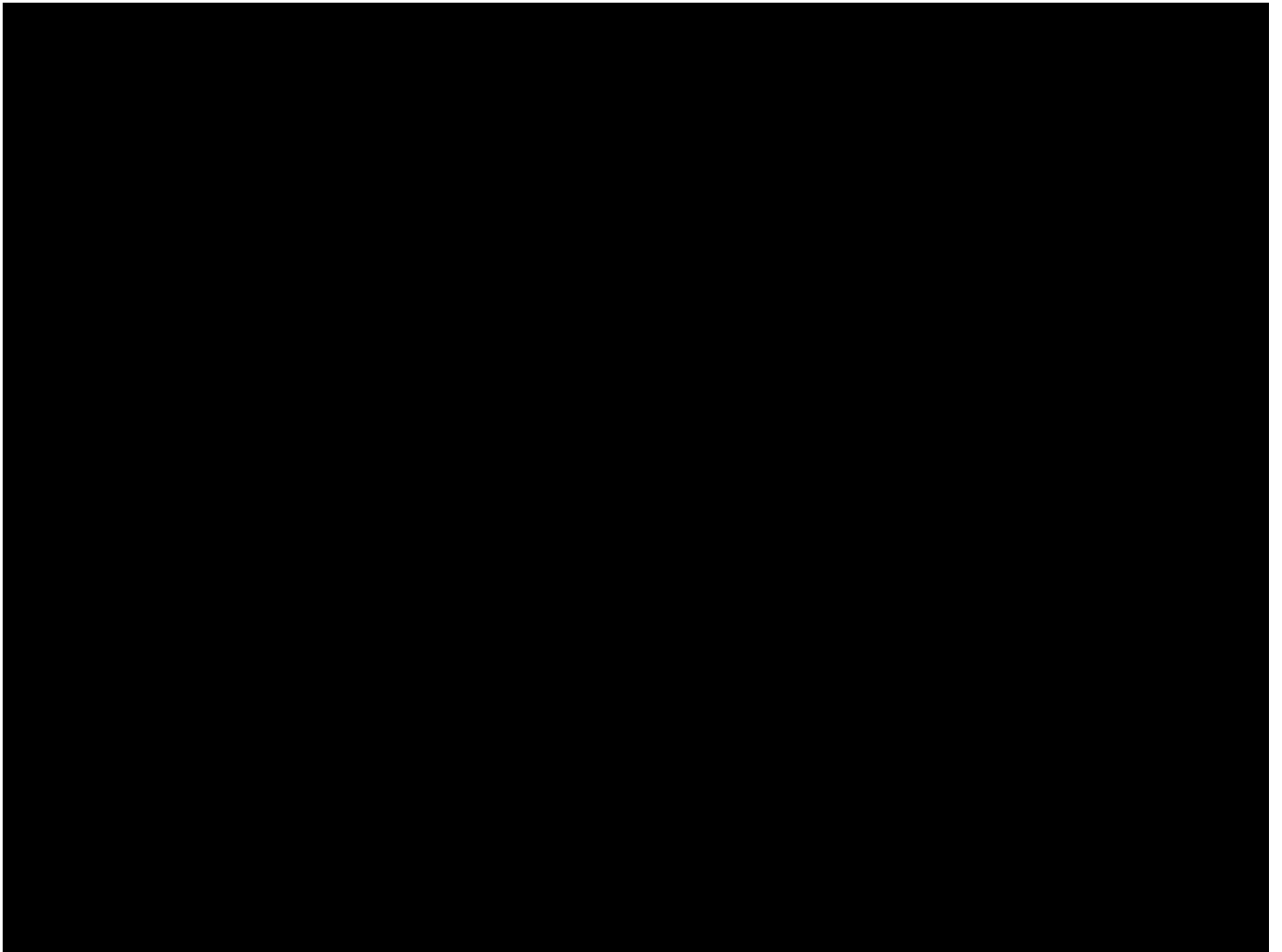
**Father in Heaven,  
the light of your truth brings sight  
to the darkness of sinful eyes.  
May this season of repentance  
bring us the blessing of Your forgiveness  
and the gift of Your light.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**



**Almighty God, you have created us  
out of the dust of the earth:**

**Grant that these ashes may be to us  
a sign of our mortality and penitence,  
that we may remember that it is only  
by your gracious gift  
that we are given everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

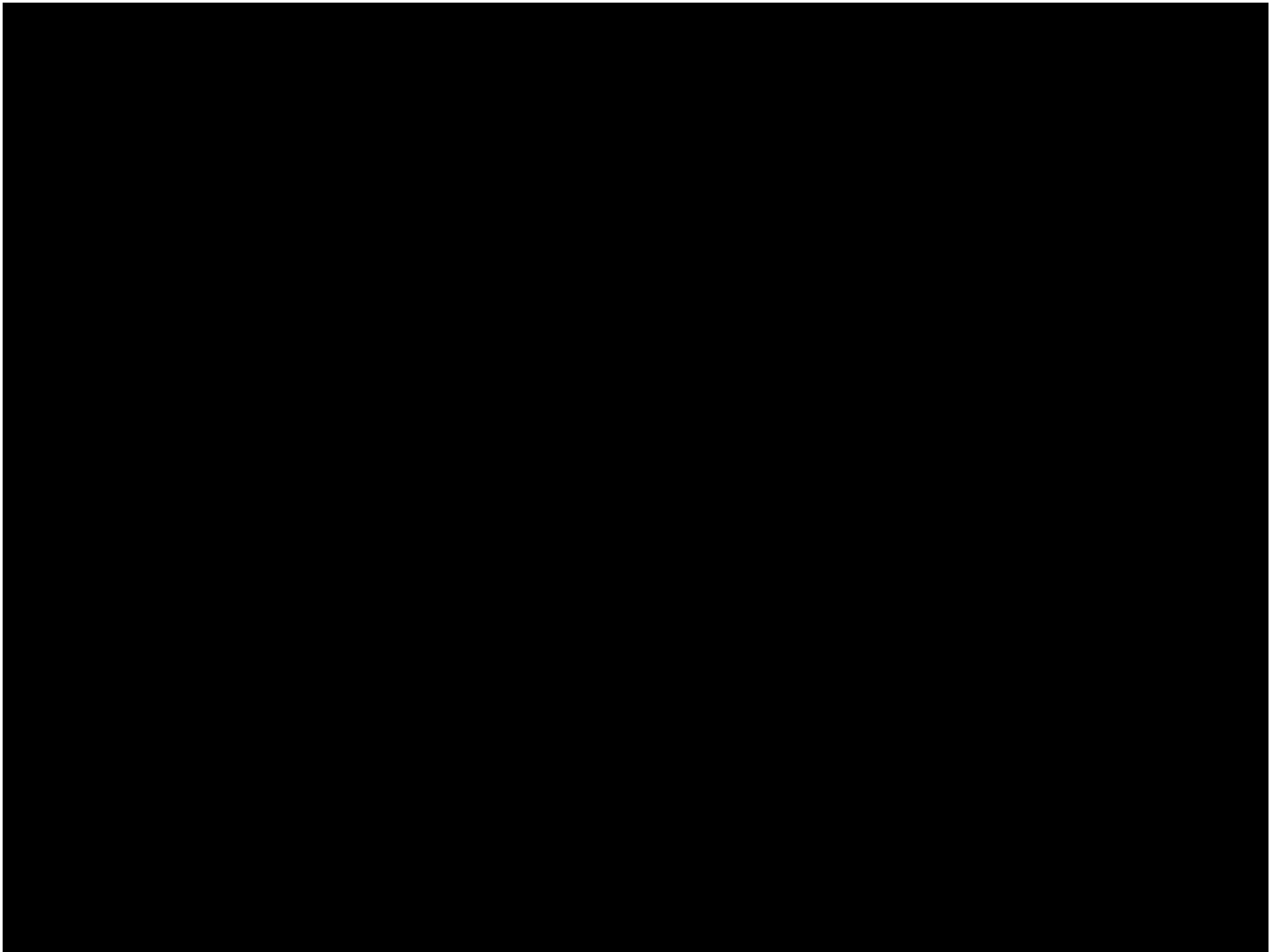
**Amen.**



**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our fellow humans,  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past...**



**Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are right in your verdict  
and justified when you judge.**

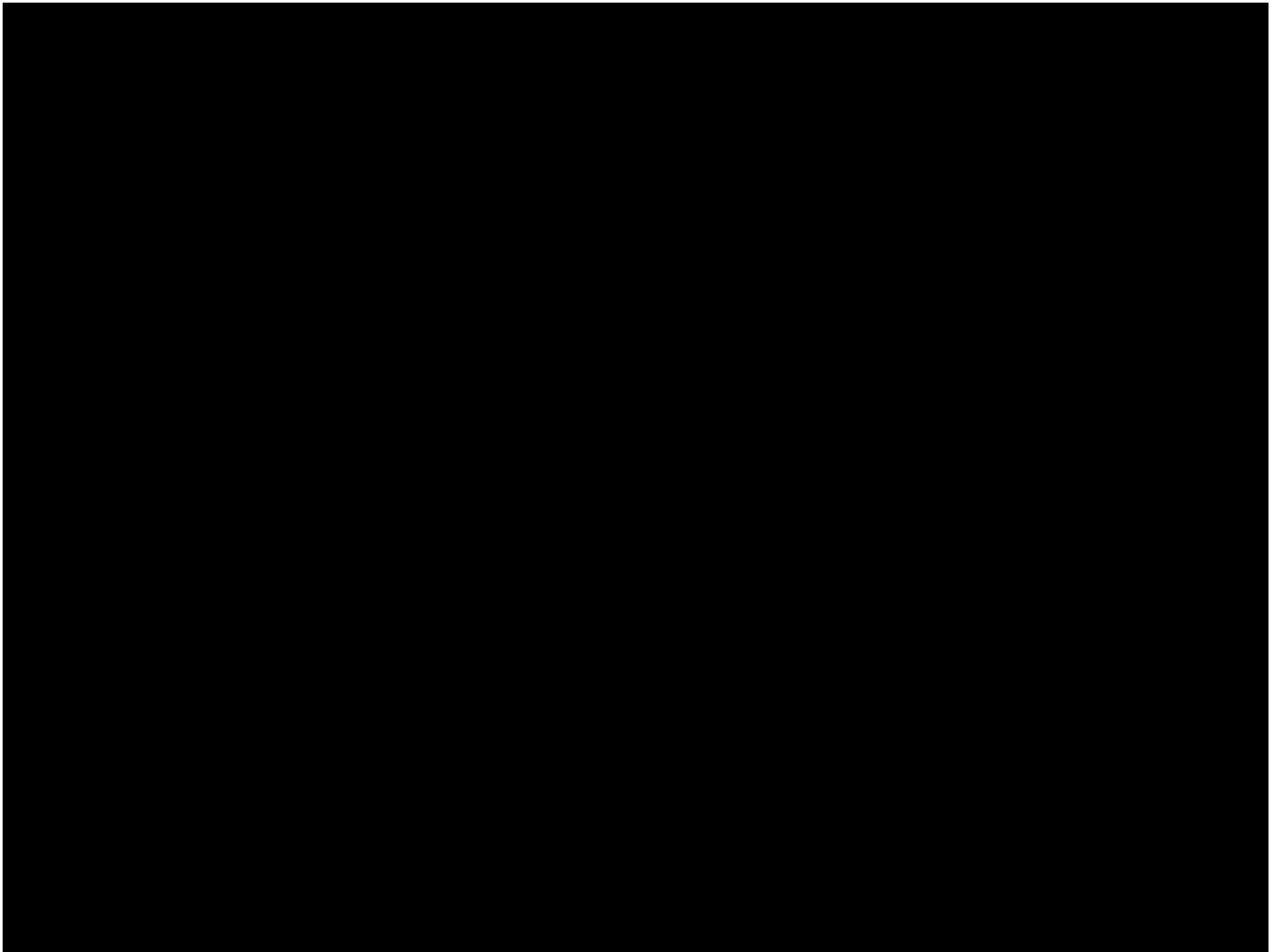
**Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time  
my mother conceived me.  
Yet you desired faithfulness  
even in the womb;  
you taught me wisdom  
in that secret place.**

Cleanse me with hyssop,  
and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity.

**Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit,  
to sustain me.**

Open my lips, Lord,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.  
You do not delight in sacrifice,  
or I would bring it;  
you do not take pleasure  
in burnt offerings.

**My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart  
you, God, will not despise.**



**O Lord, who has mercy on all,  
take away from me my sins,  
and mercifully kindle in me  
the fire of thy Holy Spirit.**

**Take away from me the heart of stone,  
and give me a heart of flesh,  
a heart to love and adore Thee,  
a heart to delight in Thee,  
to follow and enjoy Thee,  
for Christ's sake. Amen.**

