



HOLY CROSS
HOME WORSHIP
SONG BOOK

MAGNIFY GOD'S GLORY

LIVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

ENGAGE IN GOD'S MISSION



24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

HEBREWS 10:24-25

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INTRODUCTION

SUNDAYS JUST HAVE NOT BEEN THE SAME. In fact, our world has not been the same. Many of our lives have drastically changed in recent months as we have had to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of our daily routines have changed and our comforts interrupted.

HOWEVER, WORSHIP HAS NOT CHANGED. Let me be clear, because it certainly has changed from our standpoint. But **true worship** is *God-initiated*, *Christ-led*, and *Spirit-sustained*. Our God remains the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

This short collection of songs, Scriptures, and prayers are not meant to be a replacement for our regular Sunday worship gathering. Rather, I pray that it will be a supplement to your daily worship of God; whether you use it for a time of family worship, personal devotion and prayer, or just a reminder of God's grace in the midst of a long day, I pray that it will be an encouragement to you.

Soli Deo Gloria

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PART I

GOD IS HOLY

Worship begins with God.

We worship because God has initiated with us as Creator to his creation. We tell of his great works as a response to who God has revealed himself to be and what he has already done.

*"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth"
(Genesis 1:1)*



A PRAYER OF PRAISE

LORD, MAY THE WORD OF CHRIST DWELL IN US RICHLY, TEACHING AND ADMONISHING ONE ANOTHER IN ALL WISDOM, SINGING PSALMS AND HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS, WITH THANKFULNESS IN OUR HEARTS TO GOD. AND WHATEVER WE DO, IN WORD OR DEED, MAY WE DO EVERYTHING IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS, GIVING THANKS TO GOD THE FATHER THROUGH HIM.

AMEN.

(Based on Colossians 3:16-17)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost



SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 11:36

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

CHORUS:

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

VERSE 1:

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

VERSE 2:

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

VERSE 3:

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore



SCRIPTURE: PSALM 103:1–5

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! ²Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,³who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,⁴who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. ⁶The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. ⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. ¹³As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. ¹⁴For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

VERSE 1:

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him O praise Him, alleluia alleluia alleluia

VERSE 2:

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him O praise Him, alleluia alleluia alleluia

VERSE 3:

All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him alleluia
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia alleluia alleluia

VERSE 4:

He shall return in power to reign; Heaven and
earth will join to sing O praise Him alleluia
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia alleluia
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia alleluia alleluia



SCRIPTURE: PSALM 148:1–5

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! ²Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! ³Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! ⁴Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.

ANCIENT OF DAYS

VERSE 1:

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of Days

CHORUS:

None above Him, none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power, all the glory I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

VERSE 2:

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul
He is here with me I am not alone
O His love is sure and He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

VERSE 3:

Though I may not see what the future brings
I will watch and wait for the Savior King
Then my joy complete standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days



SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 7:13–14

*¹³I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.
¹⁴And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.*

A PRAYER OF CONFESSION



AWESOME AND
COMPASSIONATE
GOD, YOU HAVE
LOVED US WITH
UNFAILING,
SELF-GIVING
MERCY, BUT
WE HAVE NOT
LOVED YOU.

YOU CONSTANTLY
CALL US, BUT
WE DO NOT
LISTEN.
YOU ASK US
TO LOVE,

BUT WE WALK AWAY FROM NEIGHBORS IN NEED,
WRAPPED IN OUR OWN CONCERNS. WE CONDONE EVIL,
PREJUDICE, WARFARE, AND GREED.

GOD OF GRACE, AS YOU COME TO US IN MERCY, WE
REPENT IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH, ADMIT OUR SIN, AND
GRATEFULLY RECEIVE YOUR FORGIVENESS

THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR REDEEMER. AMEN.

PART II

WE HAVE SINNED

Recognizing the holiness of God causes us to see the intensity of our sin and need for his grace. We ponder on our failures to live as we have been called, not to drown ourselves in guilt and shame, but to confess our weakness and turn in repentance to the only one who is able to save us.

Jesus Christ alone is
our righteousness and hope.

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

(1 John 1:9)

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

VERSE 1:

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

VERSE 2:

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

CHORUS:

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise the One, Risen Son of God

VERSE 3:

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of Glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God



SCRIPTURE: HEBREWS 4:14–16

***14**Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. **15**For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. **16**Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

MAN OF SORROWS

VERSE 1:

Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

VERSE 2:

Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

CHORUS:

Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee

VERSE 3:

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree

BRIDGE:

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full
By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free, oh is free indeed

VERSE 4:

See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave



SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 53:2-6

³He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

MERCY

VERSE 1:

I will kneel in the dust at the foot of the cross
Where mercy paid for me
Where the wrath I deserve it is gone it has passed
Your blood has hidden me

CHORUS:

Mercy, mercy as endless as the sea
I'll sing Your hallelujah for all eternity

VERSE 2:

We will lift up the cup and the bread we will break
Remembering Your love
We were fallen from grace
But You took on our shame and nailed it to a cross

BRIDGE:

May I never lose the wonder oh, the wonder of
Your mercy
May I sing Your hallelujah
Hallelujah, Amen



SCRIPTURE: PSALM 51:1–12

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. ⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. ⁶Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. ⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

COME THOU FOUNT

VERSE 1:

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

VERSE 2:

Here I raise mine Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

VERSE 3:

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee

VERSE 3 (CONTINUED):

Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above



SCRIPTURE: 1 SAMUEL 7:5–6, 10, 12

⁵Then Samuel said, “Gather all Israel at Mizpah, and I will pray to the LORD for you.” ⁶So they gathered at Mizpah and drew water and poured it out before the LORD and fasted on that day and said there, “We have sinned against the LORD.” And Samuel judged the people of Israel at Mizpah.

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¹⁰As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to attack Israel. But the LORD thundered with a mighty sound that day against the Philistines and threw them into confusion, and they were defeated before Israel.

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¹²Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer; for he said, “Till now the LORD has helped us.”



A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

YOU ARE HOLY, O GOD OF MAJESTY, AND BLESSED IS JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHOM YOU SENT TO SAVE US.

HE CAME WITH HEALING IN HIS TOUCH AND WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR SINS. HE CAME WITH MERCY IN HIS VOICE AND WAS MOCKED AS ONE DESPISED. HE CAME WITH PEACE IN HIS HEART AND MET WITH VIOLENCE AND DEATH. BY YOUR POWER HE BROKE FREE FROM THE PRISON OF THE TOMB, AND AT HIS COMMAND THE GATES OF HELL WERE OPENED.

THE ONE WHO WAS DEAD NOW LIVES. THE ONE WHO HUMBLLED HIMSELF IS RAISED TO RULE OVER ALL CREATION, THE LAMB UPON THE THRONE. THE ONE ASCENDED ON HIGH IS WITH US ALWAYS, AS HE PROMISED. WE PRAISE YOU AND THANK YOU IN JESUS' NAME. AMEN.

PART III

JESUS SAVES US

As we recognized our powerlessness to save ourselves, we look to Jesus who has already accomplished it. He has taken our place in punishment, while he clothes us with his righteousness so that we would be blameless.

In Jesus, we are redeemed and accepted on the basis of his perfect life, death, and resurrection.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

“the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.”

(Romans 3:22–25)

JESUS PAID IT ALL

VERSE 1:

I hear the Savior say thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in me thine all in all

CHORUS:

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

VERSE 2:

Lord now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

VERSE 3:

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

BRIDGE:

Oh praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead



SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 1:18–19 & COLOSSIANS 2:14–15

ISAIAH 1:18-19

***18**“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. **19**If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;*

COLOSSIANS 2:14-15

***14**by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. **15**He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.*

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

VERSE 1:

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

VERSE 2:

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

VERSE 3:

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no power no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom



SCRIPTURE: 1 JOHN 4:13–19

***13**By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. **14**And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. **15**Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. **16**So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. **17**By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. **18**There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. **19**We love because he first loved us.*

JESUS, THANK YOU

VERSE 1:

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary
You the perfect Holy One crushed Your Son
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

CHORUS:

Your blood has washed away my sin, Jesus thank
You
The Father's wrath completely satisfied, Jesus
thank You
Once Your enemy now seated at Your table
Jesus thank You

VERSE 2:

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near
Your enemy You've made Your friend
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

BRIDGE:

Lover of my soul I want to live for You



SCRIPTURE: EPHESIANS 2:12–16

¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

VERSE 1:

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

VERSE 2:

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

VERSE 3:

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

VERSE 4:

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could ever restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes



SCRIPTURE: COLOSSIANS 1:26–27

26the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. 27To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

A PRAYER OF GOD'S PROMISE

O CREATOR AND MIGHTY GOD,
YOU HAVE PROMISED STRENGTH FOR THE WEAK,
REST FOR THE LABORERS, LIGHT FOR THE WAY,
GRACE FOR THE TRIALS, HELP FROM ABOVE,
UNFAILING SYMPATHY, UNDYING LOVE.

O CREATOR AND MIGHTY GOD,
HELP US TO CONTINUE IN YOUR PROMISE. AMEN.



PART IV

JESUS SENDS US

We are reminded to live in light of the resurrection as we await the full renewal in the return of Christ. Let's go into the world with the full confidence of the Father's provision, joy in the grace of his Son, and power in his Spirit.

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

(1 Peter 2:9-10)

IN CHRIST ALONE

VERSE 1:

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My comforter my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

VERSE 2:

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

VERSE 3:

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

VERSE 4:

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand



SCRIPTURE: 1 TIMOTHY 2:3-5

³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus

BE THOU MY VISION

VERSE 1:

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

VERSE 2:

Be Thou my wisdom be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

VERSE 3:

Be Thou my shield and my sword for the fight
Be Thou my dignity be Thou my might
Thou my soul's shelter and Thou my high tower
Raise Thou me heavenward O Power of my power

VERSE 4:

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and Thou only be first in my heart
High King of heaven my treasure Thou art

VERSE 5:

High King of heaven when victory is won
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all



ISAIAH 30:19–21

¹⁹For a people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. As soon as he hears it, he answers you. ²⁰And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. ²¹And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

VERSE 1:

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast

CHORUS:

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

VERSE 2:

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost; He will hold me fast

VERSE 3:

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life; He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last



SCRIPTURE: PHILIPPIANS 1:6 & 2 THESSALONIANS 3:3–5

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

2 THESSALONIANS 3:3–5

³But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command.

⁵May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

VERSE 1:

O Love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in Thee
I give Thee back the life I owe
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be

VERSE 2:

O Light that followest all my way
I yield my flickering torch to Thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter fairer be

VERSE 3:

O Joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to Thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be

VERSE 4:

O Cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from Thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be



SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 8:35–39

³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

'CHRISTIAN LOVE'

O LOVER OF THE LOVELESS,
IT IS YOUR WILL THAT I SHOULD LOVE YOU WITH HEART,
SOUL, MIND, STRENGTH, AND MY NEIGHBOR AS MYSELF.
BUT I AM NOT SUFFICIENT FOR THESE THINGS. I CANNOT
LOVE YOU, LOVELY AS YOU ARE, UNTIL YOU SET ME FREE.

BY GRACE I AM FREE IN YOU AND WOULD SERVE YOU,
FOR I BELIEVE YOU ARE MY GOD IN JESUS, AND THAT
THROUGH HIM I AM REDEEMED, AND MY SINS ARE
FORGIVEN. WITH THIS FREEDOM I WOULD ALWAYS OBEY
YOU, BUT I CANNOT WALK IN LIBERTY ANY MORE THAN I
COULD FIRST ATTAIN IT MYSELF.

MAY YOUR SPIRIT DRAW ME CLOSER TO YOU AND YOUR
WAYS. ORDER ALL MY WAYS THROUGH YOUR HOLY
WORD AND MAKE YOUR COMMANDMENTS THE JOY OF
MY HEART. MAY I GROW IN YOUR LOVE AND MANIFEST IT
TO OTHERS.

SPIRIT OF LOVE, MAKE ME LIKE THE LOVING JESUS; GIVE
ME HIS GENTLENESS AND COMPASSION, THAT I MAY SHINE
YOUR GLORY TO THOSE AROUND ME. THE MORE YOU DO
IN LOVE IN ME AND THROUGH ME, HUMBLE ME ALL THE
MORE; KEEP ME MEEK, LOWLY, AND ALWAYS READY TO
GIVE YOU HONOR.

(A prayer adapted from Valley of Vision)

A PRAYER OF BLESSING

BENEDICTION

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;
THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE TO SHINE UPON
YOU AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;
THE LORD LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE UPON
YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE.

NUMBERS 6:24–26

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