

We Gather Together

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known. The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name, he forgets not his own.

2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

3. We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be. Let thy congregation escape tribulation; thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 131
Text: Nederlandsch Gedencklanck;
trans. by Theodore Baker
Music: 16th cent. Dutch melody;
arr. by Edward Kremser (1838-1914)
Tune: KREMSER, Meter: Irr.*

When Love Is Found

1. When love is found and hope comes home, sing and be glad that two are one. When love explodes and fills the sky, praise God and share our Maker's joy.

2. When love has flowered in trust and care, build both each day, that love may dare to reach beyond home's warmth and light, to serve and strive for truth and right.

3. When love is tried as loved ones change, hold still to hope though all seems strange, till ease returns, and love grows wise through listening ears and opened eyes.

4. When love is torn and trust betrayed, pray strength to love till torments fade, till lovers keep no score of wrong, but hear through pain love's Easter song.

5. Praise God for love, praise God for life, in age or youth in husband, wife. Lift up your hearts, let love be fed through death and life in broken bread.

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 643
Text: Brian Wren, 1978
Music: Trad. English melody; adapt by Hal Hopson, 1972
Tune: GIFT OF LOVE, Meter: LM
CCLI Song # 1441571*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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. Amen.

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 095
Text: Thomas Ken
Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois
Tune: OLD 100TH, Meter: LM*

God of the Ages

1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land with thee our lot is cast; be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay, thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense; thy true religion in our hearts increase; thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4. Refresh thy people on their toilsome way; lead us from night to never-ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 698
Text: Daniel C. Roberts, 1841-1907
Music: George W. Warren, 1828-1902
Tune: NATIONAL HYMN, Meter: 10 10.10 10*

God of Love and God of Power

1. God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free.

Refrain:
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

2. We are not the first to be banished by our fears from thee; give us courage, let us hear heaven's trumpets ringing clear. (Refrain)

3. All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty; slaves are we when'er we share that devotion anywhere. (Refrain)

6. God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour; offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still. (Refrain)

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 578
Text: Gerald H. Kennedy, 1907-
Music: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680
Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER, Meter: 77.77.77
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