

## How Firm a Foundation

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!

What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. "When through deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4. "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5. "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 529  
Text: 'K' in Rippon's A Selection of Hymns  
Music: Early USA melody; harm. from Tabor  
Tune: FOUNDATION, Meter: 11 11.11 11*

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
thou wilt find a solace there.

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 526  
Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1820-1886  
Music: Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918  
Tune: CONVERSE, Meter: 87.87 D*

## 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*

## Stand By Me

1. When the storms of life are  
raging, stand by me;  
when the storms of life are raging,  
stand by me.  
When the world is tossing me,  
like a ship upon the sea,  
thou who rules the wind and water,  
stand by me.

2. In the midst of tribulation, stand  
by me;  
in the midst of tribulation, stand by  
me.  
When the hosts of hell assail,  
and my strength begins to fail,  
thou who never lost a battle, stand  
by me.

3. In the midst of faults and  
failures, stand by me;  
in the midst of faults and failures,  
stand by me.  
When I've done the best I can,  
and my friends misunderstand,  
thou who knows all about me,  
stand by me.

4. In the midst of persecution, stand  
by me;  
in the midst of persecution, stand  
by me.  
When my foes in war array  
undertake to stop my way,  
thou who saved Paul and Silas,  
stand by me.

5. When I'm growing old and  
feeble, stand by me;  
when I'm growing old and feeble,  
stand by me.  
When my life becomes a burden,  
and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,  
O thou the Lily of the Valley, stand  
by me.

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 512  
Text: Charles Albert Tindley, ca 1906 (Mt. 8:23-  
27; Mk. 4:35-41; Lk. 8:22-25)  
Music: Charles Albert Tindley, ca 1906; arr. by  
William Farley Smith, 1989  
Tune: ---, Meter: 83.83.77.83*

## We'll Understand It Better By and By

1. We are tossed and driven  
on the restless sea of time;  
somber skies and howling tempests  
oft succeed a bright sunshine;  
in that land of perfect day,  
when the mists are rolled away,  
we will understand it better by and  
by.

Refrain:  
By and by, when the morning  
comes,  
when the saints of God are gathered  
home,  
we'll tell the story how we've  
overcome,  
for we'll understand it better by and  
by.

2. We are often destitute  
of the things that life demands,  
want of food and want of shelter,  
thirsty hills and barren lands;  
we are trusting in the Lord,  
and according to God's word,  
we will understand it better by and  
by.  
(Refrain)

3. Trials dark on every hand,  
and we cannot understand  
all the ways of God would lead us  
to that blessed promised land;  
but he guides us with his eye,  
and we'll follow till we die,  
for we'll understand it better by and  
by.  
(Refrain)

## We'll Understand It Better By and By (continued)

4. Temptations, hidden snares  
often take us unawares,  
and our hearts are made to bleed  
for a thoughtless word or deed;  
and we wonder why the test  
when we try to do our best,  
but we'll understand it better by and  
by.  
(Refrain)

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 525  
Text: Charles Albert Tindley  
Music: Charles Albert Tindley; arr. by F.A. Clark  
Tune: BY AND BY, Meter: Irr. with Refrain*