

## Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1. What a fellowship, what a joy  
divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is  
mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim  
way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day  
to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.  
(Refrain)

3. What have I to dread, what have I to  
fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so  
near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.  
(Refrain)

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 133*  
*Text: Elisha A. Hoffman*  
*Music: Anthony J. Showalter*  
*Tune: SHOWALTER, Meter: 10 9.10 9 with Refrain*

## How Long Has It Been?

1. How long has it been  
since you talked with the Lord,  
And told Him your heart's hidden  
secrets?  
How long since you prayed?  
How long since you stayed  
On your knees 'til the light shone  
through?  
How long has it been  
since your mind felt at ease?  
How long since your heart knew no  
burden?  
Can you call Him your Friend?  
How long has it been  
since you knew that He cares for  
you?

2. How long has it been  
since you knelt by your bed  
And prayed to the Lord up in  
heaven?  
How long since you knew  
that He'd answer you, And would  
keep you the long night through?  
How long has it been  
since you woke with the dawn,  
And felt that the day's worth the  
living?  
Can you call Him your Friend?  
How long has it been  
since you knew that He cares for  
you?

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## Prayer Of Confession

O Lord, forgive us when we fail to  
respond to your call with faith.

**Through your Spirit, we rest in  
the assurance of your acceptance.**

Forgive us when we are shackled  
by our narrow understandings of  
discipleship and our clouded sense  
of purpose.

**Through your Spirit, we are  
drawn into the illumination of  
your empowering love.**

Forgive us when we are frightened  
of the future or pull back from the  
demand of your calling. Forgive us  
when we fail to sense your  
presence in our past, to  
acknowledge your grace in the  
present moment, and to trust you  
for our future.

**Through your Spirit, we offer  
ourselves in discipleship. We  
come together as your disciples.  
We seek renewed & renewing  
faith. Touch us now with your  
Spirit, Lord. Touch us now with  
your Spirit.**

## 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*

## Only Trust Him

1. Come, every soul by sin  
oppressed,  
there's mercy with the Lord;  
and he will surely give you rest,  
by trusting in his Word.

Refrain:

Only trust him, only trust him,  
only trust him now.  
He will save you, he will save you,  
he will save you now.

2. For Jesus shed his precious  
blood  
rich blessings to bestow;  
plunge now into the crimson flood  
that washes bright as snow.  
(Refrain)

3. Yes, Jesus is the truth the way  
that leads you into rest;  
believe in him without delay,  
and you are fully blest.  
(Refrain)

4. Come then and join this holy  
band,  
and on to glory go,  
to dwell in that celestial land  
where joys immortal flow.  
(Refrain)

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 337*  
*Text: John H. Stockton*  
*Music: John H. Stockton*  
*Tune: STOCKTON, Meter: CM with Refrain*

## Because He Lives

1. God sent His Son, they called  
Him Jesus;  
he came to love, heal, and forgive;  
he lived and died to buy my  
pardon,  
an empty grave is there to prove  
my Savior lives.

Refrain:

Because he lives, I can face  
tomorrow;  
because he lives, all fear is gone;  
because I know he holds the future,  
and life is worth the living just  
because he lives.

2. How sweet to hold a newborn  
baby;  
and feel the pride and joy he gives;  
but greater still the calm assurance,  
this child can face uncertain days  
because he lives.  
(Refrain)

3. And then one day I'll cross the  
river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
and then as death gives way to  
victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll  
know he reigns.  
(Refrain)

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 364*  
*Text: Gloria and William J. Gaither, 1971*  
*Music: William J. Gaither, 1971*  
*Tune: RESURRECTION, Meter: 98.9 11 with Refrain*