

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

SONGS OF PRAYER,
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*Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise from the ends of the earth.
~Isaiah 42:10*

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Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, we need you
 Come, Sweet Spirit, we pray
 Come in your strength and your power
 Come in your own gentle way

Come as a wisdom to children
 Come as new sight to the blind
 Come, Lord, as strength to my weakness
 Take me soul, body and mind

Come like a spring in the desert
 Come to the withered of soul
 O, let your sweet healing power
 Touch me and make me whole

"If you then, though you are evil,
 know how to give good gifts to your children,
 how much more will your Father in heaven
 give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

~ Luke 11:13 (NIV)

Open My Eyes That I May See

O-pen my eyes, that I may see
Glimps-es of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the won-der-ful key
That shall un-clasp and set me free.

Si-lent-ly now I wait for Thee,
Read-y, my God, Thy will to see
O-pen my eyes, il-lu-mine me,
Spir-it di-vine!

O-pen my mouth, and let me bear
Glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery where;
O-pen my heart, and let me pre-pare
Love with Thy child-ren thus to share.

Si-lent-ly now I wait for Thee,
Read-y, my God, Thy will to see
O-pen my heart, il-lu-mine me,
Spir-it di-vine!

Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.

~Psalm 119:18 (NKJV)

Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His word,
What a glo-ry He sheds on our way!

While we do His good will,
He a-bides with us still,
And with all who will trust and o-bey.

Trust and o-bey, for there's no oth-er way
To be hap-py in Je-sus, but to trust and o-bey.

Then in fel-low-ship sweet
We will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;

What He says we will do,
Where He sends we will go,
Ne-ver fear on-ly trust and o-bey.

Trust and o-bey, for there's no oth-er way
To be hap-py in Je-sus, but to trust and o-bey.

¹¹ For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield;
The LORD will give grace and glory;
No good *thing* will He withhold
From those who walk uprightly.

¹² O LORD of hosts,
Blessed *is* the man who trusts in You!

~Psalm 84:11-12 (NKJV)

I Must Tell Jesus

I must tell Je-sus all of my tri-als;
I can-not bear these bur-dens a-lone,
In my dis-tress He kind-ly will help me,
He ev-er loves and cares for His own.

I must tell Je-sus! I must tell Je-sus!
I can-not bear my bur-dens a-lone;
I must tell Je-sus! I must tell Je-sus!
Je-sus can help me, Je-sus a-lone.

I must tell Je-sus all my trou-bles,
He is a kind, com-pas-sion-ate Friend;
If I but ask Him, He will de-liv-er,
Makes of my trou-bles quick-ly an end.

I must tell Je-sus! I must tell Je-sus!
I can-not bear my bur-dens a-lone;
I must tell Je-sus! I must tell Je-sus!
Je-sus can help me, Je-sus a-lone.

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

~1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

We Are Living, We Are Dwelling

We are liv-ing, we are dwell-ing,
In a grand and aw-ful time,
In an age on a-ges tell-ing—
To be liv-ing in sub-lime.

Hark! the wak-ing up of na-tions,
Gog and Ma-gog to the fray;
Hark! what sound-eth? Is cre-a-tion
Groan-ing for her lat-ter day?

Chris-tian, rouse! fight in this war-fare,
Cease not till the vic-tory's won;
Till you Cap-tain loud pro-claim-eth,
“Serv-ant of the Lord, well done!”

He, a-lone, who thus is faith-ful,
Who a-bid-eth to the end,
Hath the prom-ise, in the king-dom
An e-ter-ni-ty to spend.

¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

~Ephesians 6:12-13 (NKJV)

In the Heart of Jesus

In the heart of Je-sus
There is love for you,
Love most pure and ten-der,
Love most deep and true;

Why should you be lone-ly,
Why for friend-ship sigh,
When the heart of Je-sus
Has a full sup-ply?

In the home of Je-sus
There's a place for you;
Glo-rious, bright, and joy-ous,
Calm and peace-ful, too;

Why then, like a wan-derer,
Roam with wea-ry pace,
If the home of Je-sus
Holds for you a place?

In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so,
I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

~John 14:2 (NKJV)

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

O Mas-ter, let me walk with Thee
In low-ly paths of ser-vice free;
Tell me Thy se-cret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care,

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, win-ning word of love;
Teach me the way-ward feet to stay,
And guide them in the home-ward way.

- ⁷⁸ "Through the tender mercy of our God,
With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us;
⁷⁹ To give light to those who sit in darkness
and the shadow of death,
To guide our feet into the way of peace."

~Luke 1:78-79 (NKJV)

He Leadeth Me

He lead-eth me! O bless-ed thought!
O words with heaven-ly com-fort fraught!
What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.

He lead-eth me, He lead-eth me,
By His own hand He lead-eth me;
His faith-ful fol-lower I would be,
For by His hand He lead-eth me.

And when my task on earth is done,
When, by Thy grace, the vic-tory's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jor-dan lead-eth me.

He lead-eth me, He lead-eth me,
By His own hand He lead-eth me;
His faith-ful fol-lower I would be,
For by His hand He lead-eth me.

¹ The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

I Would Draw Nearer to Jesus

I would draw near-er to Je-sus,
In His sweet pres-ence a-bide,
Con-stant-ly try-ing to serve Him,
Safe and se-cure at His side.

I would draw near-er to Je-sus,
I would draw near-er to Him;
Ful-ly sur-ren-dered each mo-ment,
I would draw near-er to Him.

I would draw near-er to Je-sus,
Seek-ing His strength to be true,
Will-ing to tell of His good-ness,
Glad-ly His blest will to do.

I would draw near-er to Je-sus,
I would draw near-er to Him;
Ful-ly sur-ren-dered each mo-ment,
I would draw near-er to Him.

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

I Surrender All

All to Je-sus I sur-ren-der,
All to Him I free-ly give;
I will ev-er love and trust Him,
In His pres-ence dai-ly live;

I sur-ren-der all,
I sur-ren-der all,
All to Thee, my bless-ed Sav-ior,
I sur-ren-der all.

All to Je-sus I sur-ren-der;
Now I feel the sa-cred flame.
O the joy of full sal-va-tion!
Glo-ry, glo-ry to His name!

I sur-ren-der all,
I sur-ren-der all,
All to Thee, my bless-ed Sav-ior,
I sur-ren-der all.

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

~1 *Thessalonians 5:23 (NKJV)*

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me, at my Fa-ther's throne,
Make all my wants and wish-es known!

In sea-sons of dis-tress and grief,
My soul has oft-en found re-lief,
And oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare,
By thy re-turn, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
May I thy con-so-la-tions share
Till from Mount Pis-gah's loft-y height
I view my home and take my flight.

In my im-mor-tal flesh I'll rise
To seize the ev-er-last-ing prize.
And shout while pass-ing through the air,
"Fare-well, fare-well, sweet hour of prayer!"

Pray without ceasing. ~1 *Thessalonians 5:17 (KJV)*

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

I am weak, but Thou art strong;
 Je-sus, keep me from all wrong;
 I'll be sa-tis-fied as long
 As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Refrain:

Just a clos-er walk with Thee,
 Grant it, Je-sus, is my plea,
 Dai-ly walk-ing close to Thee,
 Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,
 If I fal-ter, Lord, who cares?
 Who with me my bur-den shares?
 None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Refrain

When my fee-ble life is o'er,
 Time for me will be no more;
 Guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er
 To Thy king-dom shore, to Thy shore.

Refrain

For though He was crucified in weakness,
 yet He lives by the power of God.
 For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him
 by the power of God toward you.

~2 Corinthians 13:4 (NKJV)

Sitting at the Feet of Jesus ¹³

Sit-ting at the feet of Je-sus,
 Oh, what words I hear Him say!
 Hap-py place! so near, so pre-cious!
 May it find me there each day;
 Sit-ting at the feet of Je-sus,
 I would look up-on the past;
 For His love has been so gra-cious,
 It has won my heart at last.

Sit-ting at the feet of Je-sus,
 Where can mor-tal be more blest?
 There I lay my sins and sor-rows,
 And, when wear-y, find sweet rest;
 Sit-ting at the feet of Je-sus,
 There I love to weep and pray;
 While I from His full-ness gath-er
 Grace and com-fort eve-ry day.

Bless me, O my Sav-ior, bless me,
 As I sit low at Thy feet;
 Oh, look down in love up-on me,
 Let me see Thy face so sweet;
 Give me, Lord, the mind of Je-sus,
 Keep me ho-ly as He is;
 May I prove I've been with Je-sus,
 Who is all my right-eous-ness.

And she had a sister called Mary,
 who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. ~Luke 10:39 (NKJV)

Whispering Hope

Soft as the voice of an an-gel,
Breath-ing a les-son un-heard,
Hope with a gen-tle per-sua-sion,
Whis-pers her com-fort-ing word:

Wait till the dark-ness is o-ver,
Wait till the tem-pest is done,
Hope for the sun-shine to-mor-row,
Af-ter the show-er is gone.

Refrain:

Whis-per-ing hope,
oh, how wel-come thy voice,
Mak-ing my heart,
in its sor-row re-joice.

If, in the dusk of the twi-light,
Dim be the re-gion a-far,
Will not the deep-en-ing dark-ness
Bright-en the glim-mer-ing star?

Then when the night is up-on us,
Why should the heart sink a-way?
When the dark mid-night is o-ver,
Watch for the break-ing of day.

Refrain

Hope, as an an-chor so stead-fast,
Rends the dark veil for the soul,
Whi-ther the Master has en-tered,
Rob-bing the grave of its goal;

Come then, oh, come, glad fru-i-tion,
Come to my sad wear-y heart;
Come, O thou blest hope of glo-ry,
Nev-er, oh, nev-er de-part.

Refrain

*This hope we have as an anchor of the soul,
both sure and steadfast, and which enters
the Presence behind the veil. ~Hebrews 6:19 (NKJV)*

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fel-low-ship,
what a joy di-vine,
Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;

What a bless-ed-ness,
what a peace is mine,
Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Refrain:

Lean-ing, lean-ing,
Safe and se-cure from all a-larms;
Lean-ing, lean-ing,
Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

O how sweet to walk
in this pil-grim way,
Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;

O how bright the path
grows from day to day,
Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Refrain

What have I to dread,
what have I to fear,
Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?

I have bless-ed peace
with my Lord so near,
Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Refrain

The eternal God *is* your refuge,
And underneath *are* the everlasting arms;
He will thrust out the enemy from before you,
And will say, 'Destroy!' ~*Deuteronomy 33:27 (NKJV)*

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

~*Philippians 4:7 (NKJV)*

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Have Thine own way, Lord!
Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Pot-ter;
I am the clay.

Mold me and make me
Af-ter Thy will,
While I am wait-ing,
Yield-ed and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord!
Have Thine own way!
Search me and try me,
Mas-ter, to-day!

Whit-er than snow, Lord,
Wash me just now,
As in Thy pres-ence
Hum-bly I bow.

But now, O LORD,
thou *art* our father; we *are* the clay,
and thou our potter; and we all *are* the work of thy hand.

~Isaiah 64:8 (KJV)

In the Garden

I come to the gar-den a-lone,
While the dew is still on the ros-es;
And the voice I hear,
Fall-ing on my ear,
The Son of God dis-clos-es.

Refrain:

And He walks with me,
And He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tar-ry there,
None oth-er has ev-er known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their sing-ing,
And the mel-o-dy
that He gave to me
With-in my heart is ring-ing

Refrain

I'd stay in the gar-den with Him
Though the night a-round me be fall-ing,
But He bids me go;
Through the voice of woe,
His voice to me is call-ing.

Refrain

¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?
Whom are you seeking?" ~John 20:15^a (NKJV)

Near to the Heart of God

There is a place of quiet rest,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where sin can-not molest,
Near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Je-sus, blest Re-deem-er,
Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait be-fore Thee,
Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where we our Sav-ior meet,
Near to the heart of God.

Refrain

There is a place of full release,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where all is joy and peace,
Near to the heart of God.

Refrain

He tends his flock like a shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart;
he gently leads those that have young.

~Isaiah 40:11 (NIV)

Psalm 19

⁷ The law of the LORD *is* perfect,
converting the soul:
the testimony of the LORD *is* sure,
making wise the simple.

Refrain:

¹⁰ More to be desired *are they* than gold,
yea, than much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey
and the honeycomb.

⁸ The statutes of the LORD *are* right,
rejoicing the heart:
the commandment of the LORD *is* pure,
enlightening the eyes.

Refrain

⁹ The fear of the LORD *is* clean,
enduring for ever:
the judgments of the LORD *are* true
and righteous altogether.

Refrain

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth,
and the meditation of my heart,
be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD,
my strength, and my redeemer.

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The Harvest

Luke 10:2/John 4:35 NKJV

The harvest truly is great
but the laborers are few,
the laborers are few.
The harvest truly is great
but the laborers are few.

Therefore pray the LORD of the harvest
to send out laborers
Therefore pray the LORD of the harvest
to send out laborers
into His harvest,
into His harvest.

The harvest truly is great
but the laborers are few.

Do you not say,
“There are still four months
and then comes the harvest?”

Behold, I say to you,
Lift up your eyes and look at the fields
for they are already white
for the harvest!

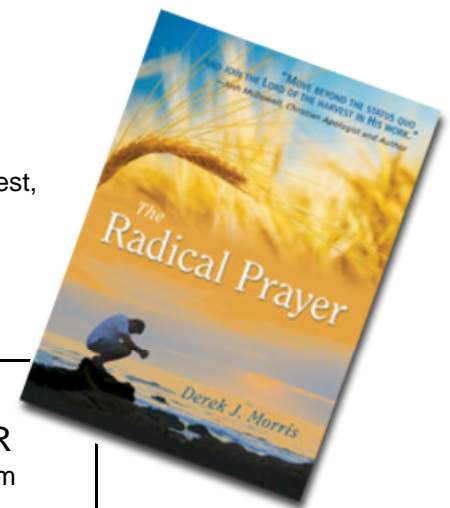
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“Lord of the harvest,
I earnestly beg You to
throw out laborers into Your harvest,
and You have my permission
to begin with me.”

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Dear Friend:

Have you or a group ever wanted to visit someone, perhaps in a retirement home, and wondered how to get past the nervousness of what to say or do when you got there? Have you ever wanted something that you could just relax and listen to as you reflect and meditate on the nature and love of God? These are some of the hopes that members of the Northridge Seventh-day Adventist Church had in mind when we created **SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER**.

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