

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
Let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

God of our days and years,
we set this time apart for you.
Form us in the likeness of Christ
so that our lives may glorify you. **Amen.**

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NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD,
With hearts and hands and voices;
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,

And shall be ever more.

Martin Rinkart., Tr. Catherine Winkworth.

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,
in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.
Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have made.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

May God who loved the world so much

that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
 forgive *us our* sins
 and make *us* holy to serve him in the world,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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HE WHO WOULD VALIANT BE

'Gainst all disaster,
 Let him in constancy
 Follow the Master.
 There's no discouragement
 Shall make him once relent
 His first avowed intent
 To be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round
 With dismal stories,
 Do but themselves confound—
 His strength the more is.
 No foes shall stay his might,
 Though he with giants fight;
 He will make good his right
 To be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, Thou dost defend
 Us with Thy Spirit,
 We know we at the end
 Shall life inherit.
 Then fancies flee away!
 I'll fear not what men say,
 I'll labour night and day
 To be a pilgrim.

John Bunyan.

Everlasting God,
 you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and
 mortals in a wonderful order:
 grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,
 so, at your command,
 they may help and defend us on earth;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever

Reading: [Matthew 21:23-32](#)

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FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT with all thy might,
 Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
 Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
 Lift up thine eyes and seek His face;
 Life with its way before thee lies,
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;
 His boundless mercy will provide;
 Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, His arms are near,

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He changeth not, and thou art dear;
 Only believe, and thou shalt see
 That Christ is all in all to thee.

John S. B. Monsell.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting.
 Amen.**

Prayers

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Lead us not into temptation
 but deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours
 now and for ever.
 Amen.**

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LORD, FOR THE YEARS Your love has kept and guided,
 Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
 Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
 Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
 Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
 Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
 Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
 Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
 For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
 Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world where men disown and doubt You,
 Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
 Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without You:
 Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us –
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
Past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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May God our creator,
who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air,
bestow on you his care
and increase the harvest of your righteousness;

Freely you have received, freely give.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
in the name of Christ. Amen.

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