

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;
 Bread of heaven,
 Feed me till I want no more;
 Bread of heaven,
 Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
 Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
 Lead me all my journey through;
 Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
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Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 Bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me through the swelling current,
 Land me safe on Canaan's side:
 Songs of praises,
 I will ever give to Thee;
 Songs of praises
 I will ever give to Thee.

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh what peace we often forfeit,
Oh what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

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 ev'ry weakness -
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

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.

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

Pentecost Sunday

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"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. Suddenly, from heaven, there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." (Acts 2)

And they heard one another in their own languages. Egyptians understood Judeans, and Judeans understood Asians and Asians understood Arabs. They heard each other declare, in their native tongues, the wonderful works of God.

Thus, the Church was born on Pentecost Day. We pray for the continued outpouring of your Spirit upon the church so that the fires of Pentecost may anoint us to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to all the world.

Jesus said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses."

Lord, as witnesses, we thank you for all the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We thank you for fire shut up in our bones. (see Jer. 20:9)

You have done marvelous things. May your Spirit continually fall fresh on us.

Holy Spirit, we welcome you in this place, in our hearts, in our homes, in our lives and in our world.

Help us to release the anointing of the Holy Spirit which dwells within us. Let us pour your blessing into the lives of others.

Let us lift up the name of Jesus with power from on high.

Matthew 25:14-30

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The Parable of the Talents

¹⁴ "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once ¹⁶ the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶ But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Somebody's Knockin'

Somebody's knockin' at your door;
Somebody's knockin' at your door;
O sinner, why don't you answer?
Somebody's knockin' at your door.

Knocks like Jesus,
Somebody's knockin' at your door.
Knocks like Jesus,
Somebody's knockin' at your door. [Refrain]

Can't you hear Him?
Somebody's knockin' at your door.
Can't you hear Him?
Somebody's knockin' at your door. [Refrain]

Jesus calls you,
Somebody's knockin' at your door
Jesus calls you,
Somebody's knockin' at your door. [Refrain]

Can't you trust Him?
Somebody's knockin' at your door.
Can't you trust Him?
Somebody's knockin' at your door. [Refrain]

I Love You Lord/We Exalt Thee

I love you, Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship You
Oh, my soul, rejoice!

Take joy my King
In what You hear
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound
In Your ear

We exalt thee
We exalt thee
We exalt thee, Oh Lord!
We exalt thee
We exalt thee
We exalt thee, Oh Lord!

You Can't Beat God Giving

You can't beat God's giving, no matter how you try
And just as sure as you are living
And the Lord is in heaven on high
The more you give, the more He give to you
But keep on giving because it's really true
That you can't beat God's giving, no matter how you try

The Blessing

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
Face toward you
And give you peace
Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

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