

PRAYERS FOR

# *The Wedding Feast*

HEAVENLY FATHER,

WE COME BEFORE YOU WITH HEARTS FULL OF LONGING FOR THE DAY WHEN WE WILL GATHER AT THE WEDDING FEAST OF THE LAMB. AS WE ANTICIPATE THAT JOYOUS CELEBRATION, WE ASK FOR YOUR GRACE TO HEAL OUR DIVISIONS AND CALM OUR ANGER. MAY WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE TIME WHEN ALL WILL BE FREE, WHERE WE SIT SIDE BY SIDE, NO LONGER AS ENEMIES BUT AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN YOUR GRACE.

LORD, WE YEARN FOR THE DAY WHEN WE WILL SEE ONE ANOTHER FACE TO FACE, SHARING IN THE BEAUTY OF YOUR MERCY AND LOVE. HELP US, EVEN NOW, TO WIPE AWAY ONE ANOTHER'S TEARS, TO BRING PEACE WHERE THERE IS CONFLICT, AND TO EXTEND THE GRACE YOU HAVE GIVEN US.

LET THE SOUNDS OF JOY AND UNITY FILL OUR HEARTS, JUST AS WE HEAR THE BELLS RINGING IN ANTICIPATION OF THE GREAT FEAST. AS THE WARS WITHIN AND AROUND US CEASE, MAY WE LIVE IN THE PEACE THAT COMES FROM YOU ALONE. TEACH US TO BREAK BREAD WITH THOSE WE ONCE CALLED ENEMIES, AND TO SEE THE MYSTERY OF YOUR LOVE AT WORK IN EVERY RECONCILIATION.

WE LIFT OUR VOICES IN HALLELUJAH, KNOWING THAT YOU HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL THROUGH IT ALL. WE HAVE WAITED FOR SO LONG, LORD, AND OUR HOPE IS IN THE PROMISE OF THAT COMING DAY WHEN ALL WILL BE MADE NEW, WHEN YOUR KINGDOM WILL COME IN ITS FULLNESS.

IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR BRIDEGROOM, WE PRAY. AMEN.

LYRICS FOR

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**WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE WEDDING FEAST  
WHERE EVERYBODY'S GONNA HAVE A SEAT  
WHERE OUR DIVISIONS AND OUR ANGER CEASE  
AND WE'LL ALL BE FREE**

**SEEING ONE ANOTHER FACE TO FACE  
AT THE TABLE WHERE WE SHARE IN GRACE  
WIPING ONE ANOTHER'S TEARS AWAY  
ON THE WEDDING DAY  
OH HOW WE LONG FOR THAT DAY!**

**NOW THE STRIFE IS ENDING:  
HEAR THE CHILDREN SING  
THAT OUR WARS ARE OVER,  
OUR DIVISION'S CEASED.  
HEAR THE BELLS ALL RINGING  
CALLING US FROM THE STREETS  
HOW WE'VE WAITED FOR THIS WEDDING FEAST!**

**LOOKING FORWARD TO THE WEDDING FEAST,  
TURN AND SEE WHO'S SITTING NEXT TO ME,  
BREAKING BREAD WITH ALL MY ENEMIES  
WHAT A MYSTERY!  
SEE THE BANNER WAVING OVER ME,  
WHEN WE GATHER AT THE MERCY SEAT.  
AND WE FINALLY KNOW A TASTE OF PEACE  
AT THE WEDDING FEAST.**

**NOW THE STRIFE IS ENDING:  
HEAR THE CHILDREN SING  
THAT OUR WARS ARE OVER,  
OUR DIVISION'S CEASED.  
HEAR THE BELLS ARE RINGING  
OUT IN THE STREETS/ CALLING US FROM THE STREETS  
HOW WE'VE WAITED FOR THIS WEDDING FEAST!**

**COME ON! COME ON!  
SINGING HALLELUJAH!  
COME ON! COME ON!  
WE'VE BEEN WAITING SO LONG!**

**NOW THE STRIFE IS ENDING:  
HEAR THE CHILDREN SING  
THAT OUR WARS ARE OVER,  
OUR DIVISION'S CEASED.  
HEAR THE BELLS ARE RINGING  
OUT IN THE STREETS/ CALLING US FROM THE STREETS  
HOW WE'VE WAITED FOR THIS WEDDING FEAST!**

PRAYERS FOR

# Walk With Me

HEAVENLY FATHER,

AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH THIS SEASON, WE SEEK YOUR PRESENCE TO GUIDE OUR STEPS. IN A WORLD THAT SO OFTEN PULLS US APART, WE LONG FOR YOUR UNIFYING SPIRIT TO BRING US TOGETHER. TEACH US TO WALK PATIENTLY WITH ONE ANOTHER, EMBRACING HUMILITY AND GENTLENESS IN ALL THAT WE DO. LET US BEAR EACH OTHER'S BURDENS, EVEN WHEN OUR PATHS DIVERGE AND OUR PERSPECTIVES DIFFER.

LORD, HELP US TO LEAD WITH KINDNESS, TO LISTEN WITH COMPASSION, AND TO SPEAK WITH GRACE. MAY WE BE SLOW TO ANGER AND QUICK TO FORGIVE, CHOOSING RECONCILIATION OVER DIVISION AND UNDERSTANDING OVER JUDGMENT. IN MOMENTS OF UNCERTAINTY AND CONFLICT, FILL OUR HEARTS WITH THE COURAGE TO SEEK PEACE AND THE WISDOM TO PURSUE HEALING CONVERSATIONS.

WHERE THERE IS HURT, LET US BE AGENTS OF RESTORATION. WHERE THERE IS FEAR, LET US OFFER COMFORT. WHERE THERE IS MISUNDERSTANDING, LET US SOW CLARITY AND TRUST. AS WE MOVE FORWARD, STEP BY STEP, MAY WE BECOME A REFLECTION OF YOUR LOVE—WALKING TOGETHER, EVEN WHEN THE WAY IS STEEP.

MAY YOUR PRESENCE GO BEFORE US AND AMONG US, BINDING US IN A SPIRIT OF UNITY. TRANSFORM OUR COMMUNITIES INTO PLACES OF HOPE AND RENEWAL, WHERE EVERY PERSON IS VALUED AND EVERY VOICE IS HEARD.

IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WHO CALLS US TO WALK THIS PATH OF LOVE, WE PRAY. AMEN.

# Walk With Me

LET US LEAD WITH PATIENCE,  
WITH A GENTLE WORD,  
BEARING EVERY BURDEN,  
LAYING DOWN THE OLD FEARS.  
THOUGH OUR HEARTS ARE STUMBLING,  
AND THE CLIMB IS STEEP,  
ALL YOU PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL,  
WOULD YOU WALK WITH ME?

LET US LEAD WITH KINDNESS,  
WITH A LISTENING EAR,  
HEARING EVERY STORY,  
LAYING DOWN OUR OLD HURT.  
WHEN OUR FEET ARE BROKEN,  
AND THE PAIN RUNS DEEP,  
ALL YOU PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL,  
WOULD YOU WALK WITH ME?

WOULD YOU WALK WITH ME THROUGH THE WILDERNESS?  
WHEN WE CANNOT SEE THROUGH OUR DIFFERENCES?  
WHEN THE DUST HAS SETTLED AND THE VOTES ARE CAST,  
WOULD YOU WALK WITH ME?

PRAYERS FOR

# *Bind Us Together*

HEAVENLY FATHER,

AS WE ENTER THIS FALL SEASON, WE COME BEFORE YOU WITH HEARTS YEARNING FOR UNITY, RECONCILIATION, AND PEACE. IN A WORLD FRAUGHT WITH DIVISION AND DISCORD, WE ASK THAT YOUR SPIRIT MOVE MIGHTILY AMONG US. TEACH US, LORD, TO SEE ONE ANOTHER AS YOU SEE US—MADE IN YOUR IMAGE, DESERVING OF DIGNITY AND LOVE, EVEN WHEN WE DISAGREE.

HELP US TO BE PEACEMAKERS, AS JESUS TAUGHT US IN THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT, REFRAINING FROM ANGER AND INSTEAD CHOOSING RECONCILIATION OVER WINNING DISPUTES. MAY WE REFLECT YOUR GRACE IN OUR INTERACTIONS, ESPECIALLY IN THE HEATED MOMENTS WHEN IT IS HARDEST TO DO SO. LET OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS BE MARKED BY HUMILITY AND KINDNESS, ANCHORED NOT IN OUR OWN WISDOM, BUT IN YOUR ETERNAL TRUTH.

WE ASK THAT YOU HEAL THE WOUNDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES, BRIDGING THE GAPS THAT DIVIDE US. MAY OUR INSTITUTIONS BE PLACES OF REFUGE AND RESTORATION, WHERE COMMITMENT TO THE COMMON GOOD IS STRENGTHENED, AND WHERE YOUR LOVE IS MADE MANIFEST.

WE TRUST IN YOUR PROMISE THAT, IN CHRIST, ALL THINGS ARE BEING MADE NEW. GUIDE US IN BEING AGENTS OF THAT RENEWAL, SPREADING PEACE IN A WORLD IN DESPERATE NEED OF YOUR HEALING TOUCH.  
IN JESUS' NAME, WE PRAY. AMEN.

# *Bind Us Together*

**BIND US TOGETHER WITHIN YOUR LOVE  
BIND US TOGETHER WITHIN YOUR HOLY LOVE  
AS WE SHARED IN OUR SORROWS, WE WILL SHARE IN YOUR JOY  
BIND US TOGETHER IN LOVE**

**BIND US TOGETHER AND BE OUR PEACE  
BIND US TOGETHER AND BE OUR PERFECT PEACE  
THOUGH THE TEMPEST MAY RAGE, WE WILL REST IN YOUR JOY  
BIND US TOGETHER IN PEACE**

**BIND US TOGETHER AND GIVE US HOPE  
BIND US TOGETHER AND GIVE US ENDLESS HOPE  
THOUGH OUR TEARS WERE OUR BREAD, WE WILL FEAST IN YOUR JOY  
BIND US TOGETHER IN HOPE**

**BIND US TOGETHER AND MAKE US ONE  
BIND US TOGETHER AND MAKE US TRULY ONE  
IN YOUR LOVE, IN YOUR PEACE, IN YOUR HOPE, IN YOUR JOY  
BIND US TOGETHER AS ONE**

PRAYERS FOR

# *The Lord Will Have His Way*

**ALMIGHTY GOD, WHOSE SON, JESUS CHRIST, TAUGHT US TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AND TO SEEK YOUR TRUTH ABOVE ALL, WE COME BEFORE YOU SEEKING YOUR POWER AND GUIDANCE.**

**MAY OUR LOVE HAVE POWER OVER HATE. JUST AS YOUR GENTLE WAYS CAUSE OUR HEARTS TO BREAK, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE THAT TRANSFORMS AND HEALS, EVEN IN THE FACE OF HATRED.**

**LET THE WORD OF GOD OPEN OUR EYES, THAT WE MAY SEE CLEARLY AND WALK IN YOUR LIGHT, DISCERNING TRUTH FROM FALSEHOOD.**

**THE LORD WILL HAVE HIS WAY. THOUGH THE NATIONS RAGE AND PLOT IN VAIN, WE TRUST IN YOUR SOVEREIGNTY AND KNOW THAT YOUR PLANS WILL PREVAIL.**

**MAY HIS PEACE HAVE POWER OVER WAR. CALM THE VIOLENT STORMS WITHIN AND AROUND US WITH YOUR VOICE, BRINGING YOUR PEACE THAT SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING.**

**MAY OUR HOPE HAVE POWER OVER FEAR. WITH YOUR WARM EMBRACE, HOLD EACH TEAR, REMINDING US THAT OUR ULTIMATE HOPE IS IN YOU AND NOT IN THE FLEETING POWERS OF THIS WORLD.**

**ANCHOR OUR SOULS TO OUR TRUE HOPE, WHICH ENTERS INTO THE THRONE OF THE PRINCE OF PEACE. STRENGTHEN US TO LIVE AS FAITHFUL CITIZENS OF YOUR KINGDOM, EVEN IF THE EARTH GIVES WAY AND FALLS INTO THE SEA.**

**IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, WHO DWELLS WITH YOU IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER, AMEN.**

LYRICS FOR

# *The Lord Will Have His Way*

MAY OUR LOVE HAVE POWER OVER HATE  
MAY OUR LOVE HAVE POWER OVER HATE  
MAY HIS GENTLE WAY CAUSE OUR HEARTS TO BREAK  
MAY OUR LOVE HAVE POWER OVER HATE

MAY HIS TRUTH HAVE POWER OVER LIES  
MAY HIS TRUTH HAVE POWER OVER LIES  
LET THE WORD OF GOD OPEN UP OUR EYES  
MAY HIS TRUTH HAVE POWER OVER LIES

THE LORD WILL HAVE HIS WAY  
THE LORD WILL HAVE HIS WAY  
THOUGH THE NATIONS RAGE THEY WILL PLOT IN VAIN  
BUT THE LORD WILL HAVE HIS WAY

MAY HIS PEACE HAVE POWER OVER WAR  
MAY HIS PEACE HAVE POWER OVER WAR  
MAY THE VOICE OF GOD CALM THE VIOLENT STORM  
MAY HIS PEACE HAVE POWER OVER WAR

MAY OUR HOPE HAVE POWER OVER FEAR  
MAY OUR HOPE HAVE POWER OVER FEAR  
WITH A WARM EMBRACE HE WILL HOLD EACH TEAR  
MAY OUR HOPE HAVE POWER OVER FEAR



PRAYERS FOR  
*The Kingdom of Jesus*

**ALMIGHTY GOD, WHOSE SON, JESUS CHRIST,  
TAUGHT US THAT THOSE WHO SEEK TO SAVE  
THEIR LIVES WILL LOSE THEM,  
BUT THOSE WHO LOSE THEIR LIVES  
FOR HIS SAKE WILL FIND THEM,  
FORGIVE US FOR ASCRIBING TO OUR POLITICAL LEADERS  
POWER THAT BELONGS TO YOU ALONE.  
ANCHOR OUR SOULS TO OUR TRUE HOPE  
THAT ENTERS INTO THE THRONE OF THE PRINCE OF PEACE,  
SO THAT IF THE EARTH GIVES WAY AND FALLS INTO THE SEA,  
WE WILL BE STRENGTHENED TO LIVE  
AS FAITHFUL CITIZENS OF YOUR KINGDOM.  
IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST,  
WHO DWELLS WITH YOU IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER, AMEN.**

LYRICS FOR  
*The Kingdom of Jesus*

TO WHAT SHALL WE COMPARE THE KINGDOM OF JESUS IF NOT A SEED? IT'S SMALL, IT'S SOWN,  
IT'S TENDED AND GROWN AND IT'S STURDY IN YOU AND ME.  
ITS BRANCHES NEVER BREAK, AND ITS FRUIT NEVER WITHERS.

HIS KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD, NOR OF ANY,  
A KINGDOM WHOSE RULER'S FACE IS ON A PENNY.  
HE COMES TO MAKE ALL THINGS BRIGHT, PUT A NEW WINE IN US.

HE'S CHOSEN THE SMALL THINGS TO OUTLAST THE GREAT,  
THE MEEK AND THE MERCIFUL TO SHINE THROUGH THE HATE. OH, IT SEEMS SOME DAYS THAT  
HELL AND ITS GATES ARE PREVAILING.

OH SAY CAN YOU SEE  
THE KINGDOM WITHIN US  
(IS) THE KINGDOM OF JESUS.

TO WHAT SHALL WE COMPARE  
THE SPIRIT OF THE HOUR?  
IF NOT A SWORD?  
IT FREES US, UNITES US,  
ENSLAVES AND DIVIDES US  
IN VIOLENCE. HELP US, LORD!

HIS KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD, NOR OF ANY,  
A KINGDOM WHOSE RULER'S FACE IS ON A PENNY.  
HE COMES TO MAKE ALL THINGS BRIGHT,  
PUT A NEW WINE IN US.

HE'S CHOSEN THE SMALL THINGS TO OUTLAST THE GREAT,  
THE MEEK AND THE MERCIFUL TO SHINE THROUGH THE HATE.  
THOUGH, IT SEEMS SOME DAYS THAT HELL AND ITS GATES ARE PREVAILING.

OH SAY CAN'T YOU SEE  
WE HAVE ONE ALLEGIANCE  
IT'S TO THE KINGDOM OF JESUS!

HE WHO IS IN US IS GREATER  
THAN HE WHO IS IN THE WORLD  
HE WHO IS IN US IS GREATER  
AND HE' OVERCOME THE WORLD

OH, HIS KINGDOM IS NOT ONE OF SLANDER OR RAGE,  
BUT ONE THAT IS RULED BY THE LAMB WHO WAS SLAIN, AND HE'S WORTHY OF WISDOM AND  
HONOR AND GLORY AND STRENGTH.

NO PAIN, NO DIVISION, NO PUBLIC DISGRACE  
WILL COMPARE WITH SEEING THE SMILE ON HIS FACE  
AS HE WELCOMES US HOME AS CHILDREN WITH PLACES AT THE TABLE.

NEITHER DEATH NOR THREAT NOR POWER  
CAN EVER SEPARATE US  
FROM THE LOVE OF GOD FOREVER IN CHRIST JESUS.

EVERYTHING SHALL PASS AWAY  
BUT NOT THE WORD THAT'S WITHIN US.

NO, IT'S THE KINGDOM OF JESUS, THE KINGDOM OF JESUS.