

PRAYERS FOR

That We Might Overcome

HEAVENLY FATHER,

WE LIFT OUR HEARTS TO YOU, THE GOD OF HOPE WHO MEETS US IN SILENCE AND SPEAKS LIFE INTO OUR WAITING. JUST AS THE WORLD ENDURED 400 YEARS OF SILENT NIGHTS, WE TOO WRESTLE WITH ANXIOUS PRAYERS AND THE WEIGHT OF HOPELESS FIGHTS. YET, WE HOLD FAST TO YOUR PROMISE: MERCY IS ALWAYS ON ITS WAY.

THANK YOU FOR ETERNITY STEPPING INTO OUR BROKENNESS, FOR YOUR SON IDENTIFYING WITH THE LOWLY AND SUFFERING. IN THE HUMBLE ARRIVAL OF JESUS, WE FIND THE HOPE OF THE WORLD. LET OUR HEARTS BE FILLED WITH PRAISE FOR CHRIST, WHO BORE OUR SIN AND SORROW AND OVERCAME THAT WE MIGHT OVERCOME.

GOD OF JUSTICE AND PEACE, WE REJOICE THAT WHEN CHRIST AROSE, THE EMPIRES OF OPPRESSION FELL AND THE GATES OF HELL WERE TORN APART. THE ARC OF HISTORY BENDS TOWARD YOUR SON, AND IN HIM, ALL THINGS WILL BE MADE NEW. WHERE TWO OR THREE GATHER IN HIS NAME, ETERNITY IS PRESENT, GLORIFIED IN THE HUMBLE BODY OF YOUR CHURCH.

SO WE PRAY, LORD, THAT WE MIGHT LIVE UNDER THE BANNER OF YOUR PEACE. MAY WE SING WITH VOICES UNITED, BREAKING BREAD WITH THOSE WE ONCE CALLED ENEMIES, AND BEARING WITNESS TO THE RECONCILING POWER OF YOUR LOVE. GIVE US GRACE TO PROCLAIM THE TRIUMPH OF CHRIST, WHO OVERCAME THE WORLD AND CALLS US TO RISE WITH HIM.

ALL PRAISE TO JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND KING.

IN HIS HOLY NAME, WE PRAY. AMEN.

That We Might Overcome

400 YEARS OF SILENT NIGHTS -
IN ANXIOUS PRAYER THE WORLD AWAITS.
AT WAR WITHIN A HOPELESS FIGHT
YET MERCY WAS ON ITS WAY.
ETERNITY IDENTIFIED AMONG THE LOW AND BROKEN
THE HOPE OF ALL THE WORLD ARRIVED
ALL PRAISE TO JESUS CHRIST

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND LET US SING
UNDER THE BANNER OF HIS PEACE
WHO OVERCAME THAT WE MIGHT OVERCOME

THE WORD IMMERSSED IN OUR AFFAIRS
AND COMPLICATED HUMAN STRIFE
THE WEIGHT OF WHICH ALL CAME TO BEAR
BEHOLD THE MAN; HIM CRUCIFIED
ETERNITY UNDIGNIFIED AT WATCH OVER THE SUFFERING
AND NOT A WORD ON SATURDAY
WE WAIT WITH JESUS CHRIST

ALL RISE; IN HIM, ARISE
ALL RISE; IN HIM, ARISE

WHEN CHRIST AROSE THE EMPIRE FELL
THE GATES OF HELL WERE TORN APART
THE ARC OF ALL THE UNIVERSE
IS BENDING TOWARD THE SON OF GOD
ETERNITY NOW GLORIFIED; BEHOLD HIS HUMBLE BODY
WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED IN
THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

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

The Wedding Feast

**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.