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To My Mother

*In Whose Life Is Portrayed Christian Mother-
hood In All Its Beauty, This Book Is
Lovingly Dedicated.*

PREFACE

With the hope that it can be used effectively to draw men into a greater appreciation of the Christian life and subsequent spiritual and moral obligations, this volume is sent forth.

As to arrangement, it will be noted that the book is divided into four separate divisions. The first division contains poems dealing directly with the life and teachings of Christ; the second division centers around God, the Heavenly Father, and His relationship to mankind; the third division concerns the Christian life, with its noble attributes and great responsibilities; the fourth division contains poetical messages of exhortation to righteous living.

It is the hope of the author that some of the poems might be used by Christian workers as aids in the preparation of various types of occasional and inspirational messages. For convenience to those wishing to use any of the poems in the preparation of sermons and other types of inspirational messages, there is in the upper left-hand corner of each page an italicised notation which states the general theme of the forthcoming poem. There is also appended to the title of each poem a scripture reference which parallels the thought of the poem, this

being an added aid for the use of those people wishing to use them in messages.

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OUR LORD, THE CHRIST

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John 3:16

O WONDER OF THEM ALL

Luke 2:7

O wonder of them all!
To think that in a herdsman's stall,
Out under the stars in a lonely vale
Was born our Lord, Immanuel—

Just to think, a tiny star
Led the wise men from afar
To the place where Jesus lay,
On that most blessed Christmas Day—

How my heart just now rejoices
As I hear angelic voices
Ringing forth through all the earth
The story of our Saviour's birth.

His Birth

A CHRISTMAS REVELATION

Psalm 126:5

On this holy day of our Saviour's birth
All is not joy throughout the earth,
For many are troubled by lingering fears,
Hungry and cold, their hearts yielding tears.

O what a joy it would be
If God would but send me
To search for the needy in every land
And lend to them a helping hand.

But no, this which I earnestly ask
Would be for me an endless task;
So whispering to Christ for the world a prayer,
Let my single desire be His love to share.

His Birth

WONDERFUL

Isaiah 9:6

His name is Wonderful, the Prince of Peace,
And all, through His grace, may find release
From the shackles of sin that bind secure,
Into His love so matchless and pure.

The King of Kings is our Lord divine,
And from His throne a light doth shine
That lights for the world by sin overrun
The way to our Lord, the Omnipotent One.

The Lord is revealed to men of all ages
By His holy Word that has in its pages
A message, that should the world but heed,
Would solve many problems and bring peace in-
deed.

His Birth

A CHRISTMAS GIFT

Isaiah 9:6

Unto us a Saviour is born.
Let Israel's host now cease to mourn
For glories past and ended fame,
But with joy God's Gift her King proclaim.

Let all that have tongues now speak
Words in praise of the Lowly and Meek,
Lifting all voices in great adoration,
Singing His praises through every nation.

Now, our Saviour, holding eternity's key,
Beckons us come in humility
To worship Him as did the shepherds of old,
Bringing a gift greater than gold—our soul!

His Earthly Ministry'

IMPOSSIBLE?

Matthew 8:2, 3

A wretched leper walks shyly by
In pain that makes him loudly cry,
"Oh, my God, have mercy on me;
From this dread demon do set me free!"
Now the Lord puts forth His healing hand
And cleanses this leper's body again.
You shudder in wonder, but assent with a nod;
With you it's impossible, but not with God.

His Earthly Ministry

FEAR NOT

Luke 8:50

A tiny maiden lies cold on her bed;
Death has brought its fear and dread.
All see clearly that the child has gone
To meet the angels around God's throne.
While all in mourning are grieving sore,
A gentle hand swings wide the door.
In steps the Saviour, the great physician,
Now Death bows low in fearful submission.
"Fear not," He says; "no longer weep,
The little maiden is but asleep."
Now He says in words so sweet,
"Maiden, arise, go, take and eat."
Now in this home where grief did abound,
Joy through the words of Jesus is found.

FALSELY ACCUSED

Luke 23:21

To think, that my Savior was falsely accused!
His precious body broken and bruised,
Suffering untold anguish on Calvary's tree
To buy with His blood atonement for me—

Think of the throng that demanded His death
From the depths of their souls with every breath,
Their voices barking before great Pilate's throne
False accusations of one of their own.
If our Lord were with us today
I wonder if our generation would betray
His love even as did Judas with a faithless kiss,
Then go on its way contented, in barbarous bliss!

His Crucifixion

CALVARY'S CROSS

Isaiah 53:5

Nothing more cruel can ever be
Than the cross of the Man of Galilee;
Its limbs were bathed by His precious blood
While curses rose in awesome flood.

O what a rich and precious flow
Was shed for dying men of woe,
Lost in sin's vast wilderness,
With nought of love their souls to bless.

Was Jesus' blood shed there in vain,
Or useless borne His grievous pain?
No, not if we will trust and pray
And bear our cross along life's way.

THREE CROSSES

Luke 23:39-43

Three crosses stood on Golgotha's hill;
The middle one did our Saviour fill.
He bore our sins with compassion and love,
To do the will of the Father above.
Our Savior cried with a heart so large,
"Father, lay not this sin to their charge!"

On one side of Jesus hung a bitter thief,
A man who of sinners was surely chief;
He looked on the Savior with scorn and despair;
His heart was not filled with grief nor care.
This thief was bitter, so hard and cold;
He turned from the Savior and lost his soul!

His Crucifixion

On the other side hung the lowest of men;
His heart and life were filled with sin,
But deep in his heart he felt Godly fear
That drew him to Jesus whose cross stood near.
He asked our dear Saviour for mercy above;
His heart found relief through Jesus' love!

His Resurrection

O GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

Luke 24:1-5

The Lord has risen!
The grave could not hold its God-sent prey!
For on that third and glorious day
The Lord Almighty, the Prince of Peace,
Broke the bonds of death and attained release
For all who would His Word believe
And in loving obedience His will receive.

Where there was death now is life!
The Christ who was dead is now alive
And sitting on the right hand of God,
Willing to give to all who for it strive,
Freedom from death, with life so pure,
Founded on His glorious resurrection—a founda-
tion sure!

His Resurrection

THE DEFEAT OF DEATH

Revelation 21:4

O Grave, where is thy power?
O Death, which doth all life devour,
Canst thou bind in thy coils the mighty one?
No! His death is as the setting sun,
Which sets only to rise at break of day,
The light of life radiating from its way.

Look! Cast your eyes eastward and behold
A stone from a solitary tomb being rolled!
One steps forth with garments like whitest snow,
His face divinely beautiful, His being aglow.
The Lord of creation from the dead arose,
Crushing under His feet, the Grave and Death—
 life's bitter foes!

THE ETERNAL STAR

Mark 16:19

Gazing now at the heavens afar,
I see glowing majestically the Evening Star,
Crowned with eternal light, darkness to over-
whelm,

Illuminating the whole of Nature's realm.
Its rays are shed from its celestial throne,
Piercing subtle night 'til break of dawn.

Now looking back through the pages of time,
I see one crowned with glory sublime—
'Tis Jesus ascending in glorious array,
By wings of angels borne swiftly away
To the realms of glory, the heavens afar,
Where His light shines forth as the Evening Star!

His Atonement

OVERWHELMING DARKNESS

Jeremiah 51:5

A cloud of sin o'erruns the world!
Fiery darts of evil by Satan are hurled
Into lives so deceived by his great might,
Thus kept by sin in darkest night.

This loathsome cloud of all most great
Would foster sin and dreadful hate;
With vilest words and nought of praise,
Men waste their lives in sin's dread ways.

Yet, through the darkness there shines a light,
That reveals by its rays God's great might,
Showing to men lost in sin's vile way,
The pathway to Jesus and brightest day!

His Atonement

THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

Ephesians 2:13

Through the plan of God for man's great fall,
The blood of Christ was shed for all;
That blood was shed in compassion and love
By the Christ who came from Heaven above.

The blood of Christ brings hope and life,
With certain relief from sin's vain strife;
When its cleansing and soothing flow is felt,
The hardest heart is made to melt.

O what peace and victory
The blood of Christ has brought to me;
It came like a flood in answer to prayer
And lifted my life from depths of despair!

His Atonement

THE CLEANSING FLOW

Acts 20:28

Flowing like a river from Calvary
Jesus' blood was shed for me,
To cleanse my heart and yield it pure,
To make my pathway firm and sure.

Life was fruitless and racked with pain,
Shackled securely by sin's heavy chain,
'Til on that day of victory,
Christ's blood in power descended on me.

And still His blood goes surging on,
Changing sin's night to glorious dawn,
Sweeping multitudes from pain and care,
Into Christ's grace, His love to share.

THE PEARL OF PRICE

Matthew 13: 45, 46

We, Christ's beloved, are the pearl of price;
Though we, like Peter, would deny Him thrice,
He loves us still through His rich grace
And has gone to Heaven to prepare us a place,
Where we with Him might find sweet rest
With all the saints, by salvation blest.

Though our Lord has gone to Heaven above,
He will come again and by His love
Search for the pearl throughout the land
To place it securely in His holy hand;
He'll keep it forever in love without measure,
For He shed His blood for this priceless treasure.

His Presence

THE FRIEND OF SINNERS

Mark 2:17

So many times in dreadful pain
Men think that life is void and vain,
But even in life's darkest hour
They feel within the Spirit's power,
And find that in their greatest need
The Friend of sinners is a friend indeed!

THE CAPTAIN OF MY SOUL

Romans 8:11

My ever watchful Captain stands
At the pilot's wheel and with firm hands
Guides my soul's ship safely on
Over perilous depths of the vast unknown.

Deadly reefs and rocks appear,
But this presents to me no fear,
For all is in the firm control
Of Jesus, the Captain of my soul.

On moves the ship with surging power,
Of strength a mighty pulsating tower,
Guided onward to the ultimate goal
By Jesus, the Captain of my soul.

His Presence

LO, I AM WITH YOU

Matthew 28:18-20

“Lo, I am with you wherever you go,
Through joy and peace, or pain and woe.
When along the way great cares hard press,
Be sure that I your life will bless,
And if you seek My will in love
Guidance will come from Heaven above.”

As Jesus these words to your heart speaks,
Know that your devotion and love He seeks;
Trust Him completely and walk in His way,
For closer He will lead you day by day
To the place where life will count for more
And treasures laid in Heaven's store.

His Power

CHRIST IS THE ANSWER

Ezekiel 7:25

How futilely nations have sought
For solutions to pressing problems,
But all has gone to nought!
For in that searching they have not caught
A vision of the Lord, who plants of peace the
seed;
He, and He alone, can fill the world's great need!

Praise

WONDERFUL JESUS

Job 42:3

How wonderful is our Lord divine!
How far and wide His light doth shine
To fill the earth with its radiant glow,
Making hearts pure and blameless,
Lovely as fresh fallen snow!

How wonderful is His high and holy name!
Even the fowls of the air with their singing
Proclaim His glorious power,
Bursting forth their praises in a lovely
And melodious shower!

GOD, THE FATHER

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and He shall thrust out the enemy from before thee . . .

Deut. 33:27

BY MY SPIRIT

Galatians 6:8

“By my Spirit,” saith the Lord,
Not by clashing of the mighty sword,
Men will be brought in humility
To the Saviour who died on Calvary.

“By my Spirit” in all His power
Blessings will come in torrential shower,
And all will know through every nation
That Jesus is worthy of all adoration!

“By my Spirit” strength will be had
To lift the fallen and comfort the sad;
Intercession for us at the Throne above
Will come through the Spirit and Jesus’ love.

His Power

OVERCOMING POWER

Matthew 6:13

Surging forth like a thunder shower,
To men of God comes overcoming power
That helps in attaining the highest goals,
And breathes new life into dying souls!

This power preserves eternal truth
And gives to men perpetual youth
To quench this power, Satan tries in vain,
For falsehood cannot break truth's eternal reign.

The power of God like a mounting flood,
Leaves in its wake our Saviour's blood,
Which covers the hearts of sinful men,
And buries forever the vilest sin!

THE WORD OF GOD

Matthew 24:35

The Word of God is a lamp so bright
That guides our feet through darkest night
And leads us swiftly to the place
Where in prayer and love we see His face.

This blessed word relieves our fears
And sends us forth with passion and tears
To find a pilgrim tossed by sin's waves
And lead him to Jesus, who seeks and saves.

The Word of God with power of thunder
Rends the heart and soul asunder,
Piercing deep to the core of sin
And changing completely the lives of men.

His Word

From God's holy Word our Saviour can speak
To longing hearts that His counsel seek,
And give to all who trust and pray
A peace and joy that will ne'er pass away.

The Word of God will stand through the ages,
For Eternal Truth fills its holy pages;
His Word will for time and eternity
Lead men to the Master, who died for me.

MAJESTIC TRUTH

Psalm 117:2

Truth will lift its lofty head and stand
In majesty, when heaven, sea and land
Have long been spent and wholly passed away,
Its light permeating the universe, with pure and
brightest ray!

“You shall know the truth and the truth shall
make you free,”

The word of God rings forth in majestic sim-
plicity,
Revealing of Truth its high and eternal power
And beauty, lovely as a budding flower!

Only through Truth's great steady force
Will deceit and evil and ugly remorse
Pass wholly from the earth, bringing blessed
peace,
And from horrible war, a firm and sure release!

His Fatherhood

IN GOD'S HAND

John 11:29

I see trees, flowers, and birds in the sky,
And bubbling brooks that seem to sigh;
All that disturbs in the presence of man;
All seems so secure in God's loving hand.

In this peaceful setting a sight I behold!
The trees in their bosoms the rain drops fold;
My heart leaps within me as silent I stand,
For all that I see is in God's hand.

I see in the distance majestic hills,
And as I behold them my heart quickly fills;
For as I look on them so clearly I see
That God's holy hand has made them to be.

This is but a part of all that I see,
These things my God has revealed to me;
I whisper a prayer as humbly I stand,
For I know that I too am in God's hand.

His Fatherhood

DOES GOD FORGET?

Hebrews 6:10

Does God forget His faithful ones,
Who look to Him in time of need
For strength and zeal, His purpose to fill
In their lives as they go along life's way
In their quest for right and eternal day?

No! God will not forget
His loving children, when doubts beset;
He would not leave them comfortless
To walk alone through life's way,
But would send the Holy Comforter
To strengthen day by day.

CLIMBING WITH GOD

Hebrews 11:13-16

Higher and higher we upward go!
The way seems rocky, but the joy we know
Comes through trusting God as onward we've
trod;
We're climbing on slowly but surely with God.

Upward and forward, the way grows long,
But down in our hearts there rings a sweet song,
For while climbing with God there's joy in our
Lord,
A joy that this world can never afford.

Great problems loom up as we look far ahead,
That cause us in sorrow and grief to shed
Teardrops that fall like rain to the ground,
But through climbing with God the answers are
found.

Now we look up—the top is in sight!
Firmly God leads us with fervor and might;
We see soon the new city, a picture sublime,
And find that with God we've finished the climb.

SUNSET WITH GOD

Isaiah 60:1

More wondrous than words can ever express
Is seeing God's sunset in happiness,
And knowing that as your life's sun
Ebbs and wanes after its course is run,
You'll see sunset here on earth's dim shore,
Then sunrise with Jesus and peace evermore!

The sunset on earth is beyond compare;
It breathes the breath of God in the air!
But no matter how lovely earth's sunset may be
The sunrise with Jesus in enchantment we'll see
And find that the orbit of our life's sun
Has followed the course that God has begun.

His Love

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

John 3:16

God so loved the world that He gave
His son to come to seek and save
All who would accept His salvation free
And live for Him in purity.

His love from sin brings sure release,
And fills troubled hearts with perfect peace;
This holy love, far deeper than the sea
Is given freely for the burdened soul's plea.

The love of God will great victory give
So long as men for Jesus live;
Then one day after earth's long stay,
Our Lord to Heaven will bear us away!

THE LOVE OF GOD

Jeremiah 31:3

God's matchless love, so boundless and free,
In troubled hours bring sweet peace to me,
When comes His Spirit hovering nigh,
My sin-laden heart to purify.

How radiantly His love shines forth!—
From east to west and south to north
In blended rays like the setting sun,
Yielding the grace that Jesus won.

The lives of His saints God's love portrays,
As it shines from their lives in their stay
In earth's finite sphere, thus showing to all
How God has lifted man from his great fall.

His Majesty

THE GLORY OF GOD

Psalm 19:1

“The heavens declare the glory of God”
And make us to see His power and might;
Thus, as we look far out through the sky,
We behold just now a wondrous sight
That floods our souls with joy and light!

The rivers, oceans and seas of the earth
Declare the glory of our loving Lord.
The fields, woods and rocks of the hills
Bring to our hearts the truth of His Word;
All the dear scenes throughout the whole land
Have come to be made by God’s mighty hand.

O GOD MOST HIGH

Psalm 34:1

O God most high, with thunderous might,
Flood thou my soul with thy great light!—
And take from me all doubts and fears;
Then send me forth with flowing tears
To show to men in depths of sin,
A loving Lord, a faithful friend!

When cares hard press and joy doth flee
Help me see again at Calvary
The one who died upon the tree
To save a worthless wretch like me!
Then let me fall at His dear feet,
And find in Him a joy so sweet.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Romans 6:4

How glorious it is to walk the Christian way!—
To follow Jesus as He leads from day to day
Through fruitful labors and endless joy.
How marvelous it is to see that life,
Wholly surrendered and free from sin-bred strife,
The life that is founded on the Saviour's love,
Looking ever for guidance to Heaven above.

A VISION OF THE CROSS

Isaiah 53:5

I dreamed I saw a cross one day,
The cross on which my Saviour died;
And as I looked upon that scene
I fell upon the earth and cried,
“My Lord, help me the cross to bear!
Lead me my Saviour’s toil to share!”

As I lay there I saw a light,
Shining upon the earth so bright;
I wondered long what this might mean
As Satan’s grip closed down on me,
But Jesus like a magnet drew
My soul into His service true!

THE CROSSROADS OF LIFE

Romans 6:4

For many long years I walked in sin,
Trudging the broad way with throngs of men,
Many times treading near death's gaping door,
With foolish lusts I grieved Christ sore!

I journeyed on down the road of life,
Seeking for joy and finding but strife,
Until the road of the cross I chanced to find;
Then the crossroads of life were left behind!

Now, a new road I was walking along;
On my face was a smile, in my heart a song,
All because when the cross I spied
I left the wide road to walk by His side.

VICTORY IN CHRIST

I John 5:4

I wandered long in toils of sin,
Seeking in vain for peace within!
So to and fro I roamed about,
Feeling great care and grief—in doubt,
But then one day—true victory!
The peace of God came rich and free.

The joy of God flowed through my soul;
Peace came as wavy billows roll.
Satan in all his monstrous might
Made fast his stand for this last fight,
And then the pangs of sin did flee;
My heart poured forth—true victory!

Salvation

You ask me how I know it's real,
And wonder why I have new zeal
Which Christ has brought my life to fill.
Down on my knees in still of night
I found this faith so full and free,
This faith that gives true victory!

Salvation

FREE INDEED

John 8:36

As to Jesus men come in depths of grief,
They find in Him a sweet relief
That soothes their hearts so torn by care
And sets them free from wretched despair,
Which fills so utterly the lives of men
Who are lost and tempest-tossed by sin.

O what peace flows through the soul
Of a sinner drawn to the Shepherd's fold!
A joy is felt and peace so sweet,
That causes one in prayer to repeat
A longing for God his life to lead.
Yea, in Christ Jesus, we are free indeed!

THE PRODIGAL SON

Luke 15:11-24

The prodigal son, an ambitious young man
Longed much to journey throughout the land;
So leaving his father's house behind,
He went forth hoping his fortune to find.

He spent his inheritance with not much care,
Then found himself poor—in misery and despair!
He longed for the joy and peace of his home
And repented in grief his ambition to roam.

Soon, toward his father's house he went,
Though heart and soul were long before spent!
Onward he journeyed until joyfully one day
He saw his dear father coming fast his way.

Rebellion

The father ran to him and with tender embrace
Placed kisses and teardrops of love on his face;
Then taking his son in his loving care,
He turned to his home and took the boy there.

All were rejoicing to see this lost boy,
Thus shed tenderly teardrops of joy,
All because after his long sinful roam
This boy saw his wrong and came humbly home.

Indebtedness

ALL THAT I HAVE

Romans 1:14

All that I have though meager and small,
I fain would surrender at Christ's gentle call,
Thus do as He bids in implicit trust,
Revealing to mankind the Faithful and Just.

Though that which we have be little indeed
As the mite of the widow in desperate need,
If given freely will be wonderfully blest
And through purging fire will weather the test!

All that we have God doth bestow;
A debt on our part to Jesus we owe,
Yet, though we should try through life's long day,
The debt to our Saviour we'll never repay!

Surrender

COMPLETELY SURRENDERED

Isaiah 6:6-8

Have you completely surrendered to Christ your
all;

Are you waiting patiently for the Spirit's call?—
To lead you out from hindering sin
To the dying world that you can win!

If a man to God will wholly surrender
And love Him always with love so tender,
Souls will be led from darkness and fear
To the yielded life, with Christ so near.

As men to God their lives surrender,
They shine like jewels in majestic splendor;
Thus show to the world, without a doubt
What in the surrendered life is brought about.

Surrender

THROUGH GOD'S EYES

Psalm 11:4

If you could see yourself through God's eyes
Would it help you in humility to realize
That within yourself you're so weak and poor,
Thus lead you to trust Christ more?

If again through God's eyes you could see,
You would find why your life's not a tree
That beareth fruit toward eternity's yield;
Your heart with sin might be overfilled!

As yourself through God's eyes you behold,
Again you might see as Isaiah of old,
Then fall on your face in utter despair
And whisper to God for cleansing a prayer!

Surrender

THY WILL BE DONE

Acts 21:14

One day while looking to heaven to pray,
My heart and soul seemed within to say,
“O Prince of the Skies, Eternal One,
My Lord, just now Thy will be done!”

The fowls of the air seemed with one accord
As they soared along to honor their Lord;
Could they but speak, they would say as one,
“O Lord of Hosts, thy will be done!”

Would to God that all could know
What prayers from longing hearts now flow
To the throne of God, the Lovely One,
And say in love, thy will be done!

TO KNOW HIM

Matthew 11:29

To know Him is my longing prayer—
To go with Him wherever He leads;
To live for Him daily and share
His tasks, His suffering, and care.
O that we might strive to know
That holy One who bled on Calvary
From sin to make us free—
That One who sits at God's right hand
To intercede for me!

Consecration

ETERNAL BEAUTY

Romans 10:15

How beautiful are the hands about the Master's
tasks!

Just now, I would stop and ask—what makes it
so?

What makes those Godly faces glow
With radiant light? Yes, I know;
That beauty is eternal and divine!

Duty

IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

Galatians 6:14

In the shadow of the cross I stand,
While the world God sifts as shifting sand;
And O what a glorious sight I see
As I look on the Saviour of Calvary!

The penitent thief in the shadow hang
While rejoicing angels in Heaven sang
Of the Christ who was giving His life for all
Who would in humility on His name call.

O my soul!—that my Jesus would
Ever let me stand where He has stood;
Then help me count all other loss,
And ever remain in the shadow of the cross.

Duty

THE BREAD OF LIFE

John 6:35

The Bread of Life is free to all
Who will in faith on the Master call;
All who are hungry for spiritual bread
Are filled by Christ whose blood was shed
On Calvary's cross for remission of sin.
He paid the price for the vanity of men!

Servants of God, go far and wide
To break the Bread at the Saviour's side;
For all who seek for release from strife
Will find relief in the Bread of Life,
And from their voices the news will go
Of the Christ of the ages, who loves us so!

Duty

THE JOURNEY OF LIFE

Matthew 12:29

I'm walking through the turns of life,
Seeking to relieve care and strife;
With Jesus my Saviour as my great Guide,
I'm finding through prayer a place at His side.

Many are weary from this journey through earth
While others are content in their vain mirth;
But so long as Jesus I have as my Guide,
I'll carry the cross by His loving side.

Duty

I WILL FOLLOW THEE

Matthew 8:19

Master, I will follow thee
In love, in truth and loyalty;
I'll follow thee, Lord, in service true;
Lord Jesus, I'll do what you want me to do!

I'll follow thee, Lord, to Gethsemane,
And follow on to Calvary;
Whenever you lead, wherever it be,
Lord, help me in love to follow thee!

In care or sorrow, in peace or pain,
I follow not my Lord in vain;
He'll help bear my burdens as onward I roam,
And then one day He'll carry me home.

A CHOSEN VESSEL

Acts 9:15

Great and godly men of the past
Have made to this day their memory last,
For as they heeded the call of God's voice
They surrendered to Him and made their choice
His way, and through the ages stand
As living vessels, moulded in the Potter's hand!

May our lives ever God's will portray,
From morning 'til night through every day;
Thus when we hear the Master's command,
Make our lives as clay in the Potter's hand!—
To be firmly moulded in accord with His will,
That we in the Kingdom our place may fill.

Stewardship

A FAITHFUL STEWARD

Malachi 3:10

A faithful steward is one who gives all
To the Kingdom work at the Master's call;
Never begrudging his meagre giving,
He lifts high the cross through living
A life that is spotless and free from lust,
Surrendered to God in obedient trust!

A faithful steward has joy we know;
How oft we wonder what makes it so!
We soon discover his secret to success
And the source of that sweet happiness
Is in giving his all to Jesus in love
And looking to God for provision from above.

THE LOST SHEEP

Luke 15:4-7

As a shepherd's flock was grazing one day,
One sheep by chance soon strayed away;
Straightway went the shepherd to seek the lost
sheep
Among rocky cliffs, though rugged and steep.

After long hours away from the fold,
The lost one was found, hungry and cold;
So pressing it to him with tender caress,
The shepherd soon brought it, the fold to possess.

We too, like this sheep had gone far astray
And wandered in vanity through sin's way;
'Til one blessed day the Story was told,
And Jesus gathered us safely in His fold.

Faith

FAITH, THE NOBLER VIRTUE

Galatians 2:20

Faith is far purer than the crystal fountain;
Yea, more majestic still than the highest mountain!

Its possessors are crowned with a holy bliss,
As though were felt an angel's kiss.

Faith is far nobler than the fairest knight,
Who in ages past for virtue did fight;
It instills in the heart a deeper trust
And renders it holy, noble and just.

Meekness

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK

Matthew 5:5

Blessed are the humble, lowly and meek
That through each day diligently seek
For weary pilgrims to give comfort and cheer,
Walking onward in love, with Christ so near!

Surely they that exalt to the sky
Their self-righteousness, shall cry
For mercy when they are brought low
By the hand of God, with dreadful woe!

Seek for meekness above all other things,
For in its wake it peace surely brings;
Yea, meekness and longsuffering will gain due re-
ward
In eternity at the throne of the Lord.

Peace

AT PEACE WITH GOD

Isaiah 26:3

How lovely is that simple peace
That affords to life increase
In the abundance of longed for things—
That marvelous peace that brings
Joy and comfort to all who are sad;
Sweet peace that through sinning can never be
had.

How many souls are warring with God,
Walking in sin and striving to trod
Under foot His majestic and holy name!
They seek always to put to shame
Those that love His way above all,
They that have heeded His glorious call.

CLOSER TO THEE

Psalm 73:25

Lord, I beseech thy presence in darkest hours,
To comfort and cheer when Satan's powers
Seek to destroy even the soul;
My Lord, lead me to the eternal goal!

Through every moment I would be
Closer my precious Saviour to thee—
Even to the end of my earthly stay,
When comes most glorious, eternal day!

THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW WAY

Matthew 7:14

Numberless souls carried onward in life's mad
race

Are seeking for joy through vanity's embrace,
Seeming always true repentance to delay—
O tragedy; thus never find the narrow way
That leads to Heaven's gilded gate,
Where eternal joy and peace await!

This sacred path, so securely concealed
From sin harboring souls, is clearly revealed
To penitent hearts who seek not in vain
For Salvation's way, their lives to sustain;
And only through the sinner's prayer
Will Heaven's light the narrow way declare!

ALONE WITH GOD

Matthew 26:36

O how often in times of grief
We come to God to find relief
From pressing cares and distress,
To find in Him sweet happiness!

Those peaceful moments are sweet to recall,
Of times when humbly we laid our all
At His dear feet with tenderest tears—
There finding relief from torturing fears!

O let us resolve that through each day
We will in quiet moments steal away
To the secret place and in heart-felt embrace,
Alone with God, see His dear face!

Prayer Life

PRAYER

Matthew 26:41

Prayer like a mighty rushing wind
Wings its way from hearts of men
To the throne of God with mighty power,
Sending earthward blessings, in torrential shower!

Prayer sustains the fainting heart,
Causing hindering fear to depart,
And giving the heart so filled with woe,
New courage to fight the fearful foe!

Prayer is the righteous soul's ally;
For when in need for strength we cry,
It summons forth to the battle field
A new reserve, that will never yield!

A PRAYER

Psalm 5:2

O Lord, in all you would have me do
Help me be ever faithful and true;
To do my best with all my might
To stand for the truly noble and right!

Help me to yield my will to thine,
That my life might always shine
As a living symbol of thy holy grace—
Reflecting earthward thy holy face!

Help me to love thee above all,
Thus go aside oft to fall
Before thy throne, my faith to renew,
And gain strength to render my service true!

Doubt

WHY?

Romans 8:28

How many times when trouble comes
And joy would seem to flee,
I search my heart and ask again,
Why should this happen to me?

Why should my cross be so heavy to bear;
Why is not one sent even now to share
These heartaches, tears and pains?
As doubts beset me and sorrows my heart would
fill,
There comes the sweet consolation—
It is God's will that I bear this cross;
My doubts away soon fly,
For a truthful revelation has come,
The answer to the question—Why?

NOT BY BREAD ALONE

Luke 4:4

“Men shall not live by bread alone,”
But even by every word from the throne
Of Jesus our Lord, who with infinite grace
Will reveal to us of service our place,
Where giving ourselves, yea, even our all
We can wait to receive the Spirit’s call!

How few there are who fast and pray;
How numberless those in the feasting way,
Who draw continually from the bountiful store
So freely given by God; yet they never implore
His love to lead to the closer way,
The path of service and sacrifice through each
day.

Reward

IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE

John 14:2

In my Father's house are riches untold,
That are far more precious than silver or gold;
In my Father's house there's a place for me,
For my mansion Christ purchased on Calvary!

Our Saviour has given His life for our sin;
He paid the price for our cleansing within.
Christ went one day to prepare us a place;
Our Heaven He made by His matchless grace!

Reward

AFTER LIFE'S JOURNEY

John 1:51

After life's journey comes to an end
And at God's throne in Heaven we bend,
We'll shout the praises of Christ our King
And hear the heavenly chorus sing!

We'll walk the shining streets of gold,
And see our Lord the Lamb's book unfold,
And find that through serving our Jesus each day
We've won complete victory and come all the
way.

The Christ of the ages we'll praise above all,
And prostrate before His throne will fall;
Our Lord will see the saints on every side
And embrace them all as His loving Bride!

Reward

WELL DONE

Matthew 25:21

After all the battles of life are won,
When comes life's end like the setting sun,
When face to face with the Holy One,
Will Jesus tell us then, well done?

When treasures are gathered at Heaven's door
That we through life have placed in store,
When these are counted one by one,
Will Jesus tell us then, well done?

When souls pass by the Lord's great throne,
Those souls that we through life have known,
If we these souls to Christ have won,
Our Lord will tell us then, well done!

Reward

ETERNITY

I Thessalonians 4:13

Life is like a fleeting day,
A span of time that passes away
Quickly as it doth begin,
When subtle death doth ascend!

Hovering over both hill and vale,
Hideous death now tolls its bell,
And high as the heavens rises the wail
Of sin-breeding souls, now cast into hell!

Hark! death's bell tolls again
For Godly men—but even in vain;
For theirs is life in the Haven of rest,
Where life rules supreme the home of the blest!

*EXHORTATION TO
RIGHTEOUSNESS*

*But exhort one another daily, . . . lest any of you
be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. He-
brews 3:13*

Repentance

THE WATER OF LIFE

Revelation 22:17

Rich, pure, full and free,
The Water of Life flows from God's sea;
There is plenty for all to drink their fill
While walking God's way in His holy will.

Do the waves of life's sea toss you about
And the cares that press cause you to doubt?
If your heart is filled with this world's strife
Drink deeply and freely the Water of Life!

Repentance

WITHOUT GOD, WITHOUT HOPE

Psalm 39:7

How many souls in contentment go
Through life vainly to and fro
In the ways of sin, and blindly grope
Through utter darkness without God, without
hope!

Many are the heartaches of the sinning one
Who seeks not the Saviour, the holy Son;
The sinner drifts with the listing wind,
With no real purpose in life, and then—a dread-
ful end!

But wait! there is a tried and proven way
To find new hope and glorious day;
That way is Jesus, of humble birth,
The mightiest of kings, the Lord of the earth!

Repentance

THE LORD IS NEAR

Isaiah 55:6

Have you some need in your heart so great,
And long your burden of sin to forsake?
Then turn to my loving Saviour dear;
Be still, my friend, the Lord is near.

Do the cares of life's sea toss you about;
Are you taking through life a sinful route?
Then seek my Friend, my Saviour dear;
Ask now, dear soul, the Lord will hear.

Have you longed for joy and peace within,
Desiring not to gain the wages of sin?
If you hope for eternal life so dear,
Pray now, my friend, the Lord is near!

Repentance

THE PRICE OF REJECTION

Luke 13:28

How can men continually reject
The Saviour, who promises His elect
Peace and joy and mercy above,
At life's end—sweet rest in His love!

The heart that continues the Lord to deny,
Harboring vain thoughts, and loving a lie,
That heart hardened like tempered steel
Shall in eternity be made to feel
The might of God, then for salvation plea,
But then will come those dreadful words,
“Ye workers of iniquity, depart from me!”

Repentance

BEHOLD YOUR KING

John 19:14

Behold, your King is standing near ;
Come now to Him in faith—not fear ;
His love is great, His grace is free,
Draw nigh, dear friend, and you will see !

The Lord is King of sea and hill,
Raging waters obey His will ;
From the realm of nature His praises ring,
And for His glory the angels sing !

Your King will keep you to the end,
And for your Guide His Spirit send ;
Be sure that you in everything
With grateful hearts, crown Him King !

Repentance

A VOICE FROM HEAVEN

Exodus 22:23

The heavens disclose an awesome wonder
That echoes like bursts of clashing thunder,
There comes ringing forth words so clear,
Chilling me through with heart-rending fear!

'Tis the voice of our great Lord and King,
Sounding those words that seem to take wing,
Flying to the multitudes of listening ears
And bringing men low with passion and tears!

GOD'S BATTLE CALL

Ephesians 6:13

Take on the whole armour of God,
March down the paths that saints have trod;
Follow on to victory as Jesus leads,
Go out and minister to the lost world's needs!

With the shield of faith upon your chest
And the Word of God within your breast,
Fight the devil and all his monstrous sin;
March on and conquer the souls of men!

Place the sword of the Spirit within your hand,
Lift your heart and firm with Jesus stand;
With a heavy heart and a passion for souls,
Lift high the banner and set the goals!

Duty

We've a world to conquer for our blessed God,
Plant firm your feet down in the sod;
Though the legions of hell around you pour,
March straight and firm through God's great
war!

The world shouts loud in frightful scorn;
Your heart by bitter grief is torn;
Lift high your voice to Heaven's throne,
Stand firm and make the Gospel known!

The battle is on and the objective clear,
You praise the Lord as He draws near;
Now the devil and all his angels see
That today the Lord will have the Victory!

LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP

Luke 5:4

Don't question God when a command He gives,
For remember that now and forever He lives
To show you the way you're trying to find,
Because in the realm of His great mind
He knows what's best for all His sheep;
So trusting Him fully, launch into the deep!

Peter and James, the fishers of old,
Cast out their nets where deep waves rolled
Then pulled up the catch with trembling hand,
For they had followed the Lord's command.
Give Jesus your life and the harvest reap,
And cast out with God into the deep!

Fruitfulness

BEHOLD THE HARVEST

John 4:35

Look on the world's great harvest field
Which holds for Christ an abundant yield
That must be reaped by steady hands
Placed for service in the Master's hands.

The harvest is ripe but laborers few
Who will to Christ be faithful and true;
Thus marching forth with might and zeal
Gather for Him the harvest field!

Men of our Lord wherever you be,
Ask for God-speed on bended knee;
Then go and reap with heart and soul
To gather the lost into Christ's fold!

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Matthew 5:14

“You are the light of the world!”
As Satan’s might is against you hurled
Lead men from darkness of sinful night
To Jesus our Saviour, the giver of light.

Let your light ever shine,
That wayfaring pilgrims lost and blind
Might safely be led off death’s broad street
To find eternal life at Jesus’ feet.

After your light has burned out completely,
Jesus will say so humbly and sweetly,
“Come unto me and find here release!
Shine forth as stars in light and peace!”

Fruitfulness

A BARREN TREE

Matthew 21:19

As our Saviour walked through Galilee,
By chance He spied a barren tree
That with green leaves was amply filled,
Yet had no fruit for its due yield.

Seeing the tree He turned in despair
Breathing a sigh of regret in the air
And pronounced on this tree, of fruitfulness shorn,
A message of death with bitterest scorn!

O may our lives not barren be,
Thus be condemned as was that tree;
Let us seek through prayer a fruitful increase,
And only at death our laboring cease!

WHY SLUMBER AND SLEEP

Psalm 121:4

O Christian friends, why slumber and sleep
When Satan in accord with his might doth sweep
Souls unnumbered into the chasm of hell
Because you the Story have failed to tell.

Awake and arise from your deep slumber!
Go and witness to the earth's vast number,
Leading men to Jesus near
To fall at His feet in trembling and fear.

The laborer who works will get his reward
When he shall come to the throne of the Lord,
But those who slumber will wail and weep
When they see lost souls in hell's vast deep!

Fruitfulness

THE HEAVENWARD GAZE

Acts 1-11

Men of God, why stand idly by
While the world heaves forth a frightful sigh,
So wrapped in Satan's coiled snares
And under his hand o'erloaded with cares!

Still you stand gazing there,
Seeming not to harbor a care
For the world's grieved and burdened mass,
Held in sin's most dreadful abyss!

Take your eyes from the skies and look around;
Hear the mighty earth resound
With bitter oaths as the heathen rage;
Join now with Jesus, the battle to wage!

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

Matthew 21:22

Whatever the pressing problem may be,
Trust the loving Father implicitly;
Let not your heart so soon despair!
But wait on God, He answers prayer.

When the cares of life seem so great
And your heart is grieved in this state,
Take God your burdens, your every care;
And never forget—God answers prayer!

When disease and heartache beset you sore,
Muster all your strength and trust God more;
As you bear your cross those pains He'll share,
Trust in Him, He'll answer your prayer!

The Yielded Life

FOR JESUS' SAKE

Luke 6:22

In whatever you set your hands to do,
Give your best to Christ in service true;
Though Satan would seek your life to break,
Launch out in love for Jesus' sake!

When your heart is sad and filled with fear,
Remember, your Lord is standing near;
He'll keep you firm, your life He'll make
A shining example, for Jesus' sake!

Though men despise you and cast you away,
Lift your heart to Jesus—trust and obey;
Remember that true faith the world will shake,
God will give victory for Jesus' sake.

SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM

Luke 12:31

As you follow Jesus in word and deed
Know that His grace will fill every need;
For when you need Him most, the Lord is near,
Seek first the Kingdom, He will hear!

When troubles come and problems you face,
Lean on the promise of His matchless grace;
Though will come sin's darts from Satan's way,
Victory will come as you pray each day!

Rededication

NO TIME FOR GOD

Psalm 10:4

While trudging through life's paths each day,
Do we often take time to go and pray,
To seek for our Saviour, the heavenward guide,
And with Him through peaceful moments abide?

All seem to find time for idle talk,
For that—O how refreshing!—evening walk;
There's time for work and time for play
But hardly ever any time to pray!

O how tragic to find that as we plod
Along our way, we've much time for nothing,
But very little time for God.
Rich blessing will come and peace so sublime
If we for God, in love, will take time!

Thanksgiving

IT IS FINISHED

Luke 19:30

“It is finished,” I hear my Master say;
Through His death was made the way
Of escape from the dreadful woes of sin,
That terminates in death, even as it began.

And now I lay aside my pen and pray
That God might use these lines to reveal His way,
To show forth Jesus, the lovely One,
The Prince of Peace, God’s holy Son.



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