

Lead us, heav'nly Father, lead us through this world's tempestuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us - You our only help and plea; here possessing ev'ry blessing if our God our Father be.

Saviour, by Your grace restore us all our weaknesses are plain;
You have lived on earth before us,
You have felt our grief and pain:
tempted, taunted, yet undaunted,
from the depths You rose again.

Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with holy peace; love with every passion blending, pleasure that can never cease: thus provided, pardoned, guided, ever shall our joys increase.

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All of you, clothe yourselves with humility towards one another, because,

'God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble.'

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

¹² With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it.

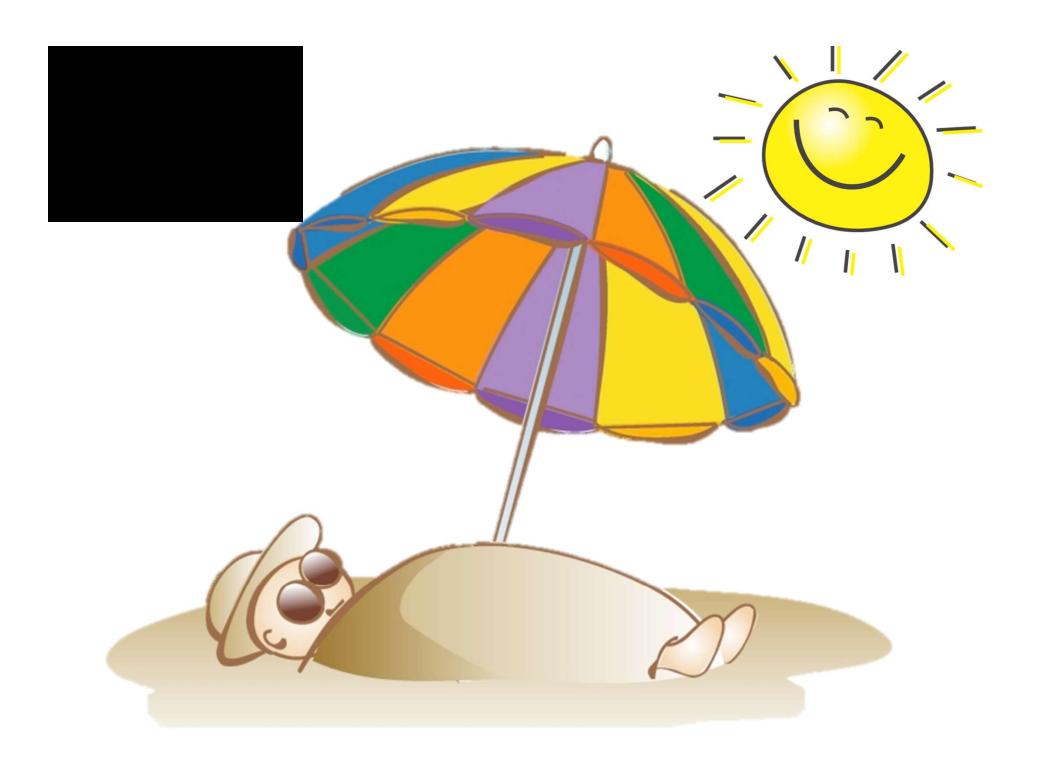
¹³ She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark.

¹⁴ Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.















Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.

Yes! Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gate to open wide; He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in.

Yes! Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He will stay
close beside me all the way;
then His little child will take
up to heaven, for His dear sake.
Yes! Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

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Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever, Amen.



Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today

in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
all Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience. holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built as You fill the earth with Your glory.

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grace

He gives it (vv.5b-7)

- how do we enjoy God's grace?
- what does enjoying God's grace mean?

you need it (vv.8-11)

- the enemy of God
- the grace of God

we share it (vv.12-14)

- mutual commitment
- personal renewal



Soldiers of Christ, arise and put your armour on, strong in the strength which God supplies through His eternal Son. Strong in the Lord of hosts and in His mighty power, who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.

Stand then in His great might with all His strength endued; and take, to arm you for the fight, the weapons of our God. To keep your armour bright attend with constant care, still walking in your captain's sight and keeping watch with prayer.

From strength to strength go on: wrestle and fight and pray; tread all the powers of darkness down and win the well-fought day: till, having all things done and all your conflicts past, you overcome through Christ alone and stand complete at last.

Charles Wesley 1707-88

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all.
Amen.

