

# Daily Food

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DAILY FOOD

FOR

CHRISTIANS;

BEING A PROMISE, AND ANOTHER

SCRIPTURAL PORTION,

FOR

EVERY DAY IN THE YEAR;

TOGETHER WITH THE VERSE

OF A HYMN.

I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food. JOB 23:12.

Man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live. DEUT. 8:3; MATT. 4:4.

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## **JANUARY.**

### **January 1. As thy days, so shall thy strength be. Deut. 33:25.**

To thy saints, while here below,  
With new years new mercies come;  
But the happiest year they know  
Is the last, which leads them home.

Be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long. Prov. 23:17.

### **January 2. My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness. 2 Cor. 12:9.**

I glory in infirmity,  
That Christ's own power may rest on me:  
When I am weak, then am I strong;  
Grace is my shield and Christ my song.

Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe. Psa. 119:117.

### **January 3. I am the Lord thy God, which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. Isa. 48:17.**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
Hold me by thy powerful hand.

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterwards receive me to glory. Psa. 73:24.

### **January 4. He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Rom. 8:32.**

My soul, ask what thou wilt,  
Thou canst not be too bold;  
Since his own blood for thee he spilt,  
What else can he withhold?

Lord, increase our faith. Luke 17:5.

**January 5. If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. Mark 9:23.**

O for a strong and lasting faith,  
To credit what the Almighty saith;  
To embrace the message of his Son,  
And call the joys of heaven my own.

Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. Mark 9:24.

**January 6. The Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. Psa. 84:11.**

While Fear hints, "There's something that God will deny,"  
"No good thing," is Faith's most decisive reply;  
Whate'er he withholds is most wisely denied;  
How full is the promise, "The Lord will provide!"

All things are yours. 1 Cor. 3:21.

**January 7. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Prov. 3:6.**

Each future scene to thee I leave;  
Sufficient 'tis to know  
Thou canst not from every evil save,  
And every good bestow.

Trust in the Lord with all thy heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. Prov. 3:5.

**January 8. I give unto them [my sheep] eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand. John 10:28.**

His honor is engaged to save  
The meanest of his sheep;  
All that his heavenly Father gave,  
His hands securely keep.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27.

**January 9 My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:19.**

I can do all things, or can bear  
All sufferings, if my Lord be there;  
Sweet pleasure mingles with the pains,  
While his right hand my head sustains.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phil. 4:13.

**January 10. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out. John 6:37.**

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
Full of mercy joined with power;  
He is able,  
He is willing, doubt no more.

Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. John 6:68.

**January 11. In the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion; in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. Psalms 27:5.**

The saints should never be dismayed,  
Nor sink in hopeless fear;  
For when they least expect his aid,  
The Saviour will appear.

Thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. Psalms 27:9.

**January 12. Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thy heart. Psalms 27:14.**

O for a closer walk with God,  
A calm and heavenly frame;  
A light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the Lamb.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face, my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek. Psalms 27:8.

**January 13. He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. Matt. 24:13.**

Saints by the power of God are kept,  
Till his Salvation come;  
We walk by faith as strangers here,  
Till Christ shall call us home.

Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Matt. 24:42.

**January 14. Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. John 14:13.**

Depend on Christ, thou canst not fail;  
Make all thy wants and wishes known;  
Fear not; his merits shall prevail;  
Ask what thou wilt, it shall be done.

If ye love me keep my commandments. John 14:15.

**January 15. There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit. Rom. 8:1.**

Who shall the Lord's elect condemn?  
'Tis God that justifies their souls,  
And mercy, like a mighty stream,  
O'er all their sin divinely rolls.

If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. Rom. 8:9.

**January 16. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. Heb. 4:9.**

Thine earthly Sabbaths, Lord we love,  
But there's a nobler rest above;  
To this our longing souls aspire  
With ardent pangs of strong desire.

Let us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. Heb. 4:1.

**January 17. We have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are yet without sin. Heb. 4:15.**

Touched with a sympathy within,  
He knows our feeble frame;  
He knows what sore temptations mean,  
For he has felt the same.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Heb. 4:16.

**January 18. They that know thy name will put their trust in thee. Psal. 9:10.**

The men that know thy name will trust  
In thine abundant grace;  
For thou hast ne'er forsok the just,  
That humbly seek thy face.,

It is the Lord: let him do what seemeth him good. 1 Sam. 3:18.

**January 19. If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 2:1,2.**

He ever lives to intercede,  
Before his Father's face;  
Give him, my soul, thy cause to plead,  
Nor doubt the Father's grace.

Hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 1 John 2:3.

**January 20. Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Luke 11:9.**

Encouraged by thy word  
Of promise to the poor,  
Behold a beggar, Lord,  
Waits at thy mercy's door.  
No hand, no heart, O Lord, but thine,  
Can help or pity wants like mine.

Lord, teach us to pray. Luke 11:1.

**January 21. If ye then, being evil, know how to give gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? Luke 11:13.**

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove,  
With all thy quickening powers;  
Come, shed abroad a Saviour's love,  
And that shall kindle ours.

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God. Eph. 4:30.

**January 22. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee. Isa. 26:3.**

From pole to pole let others roam,  
And search in vain for bliss;  
My soul is satisfied at home,  
The Lord my portion is.

Trust ye in the Lord forever; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Isa. 26:4.

**January 23. I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely; for mine anger is turned away. Hosea 14:4.**

How lost was my condition,  
Till Jesus made me whole;  
There is but one Physician  
Can cure a sin-sick soul.

O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Hosea 14:1.

**January 24. Sin shall not have dominion over you; for ye are not under the law, but under grace. Rom. 6:14.**

When the load of sin is felt,  
And much forgiveness known;  
Then the heart of course will melt,  
Though hard before as stone.

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Rom. 6:12.

**January 25. Being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. Rom. 6:22.**

When from the curse God sets us free,  
He makes our nature clean;  
Nor would he send his Son to be  
The minister of sin.

The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. 6:23.

**January 26. Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Phil. 1:6.**

Grace will complete what grace begins,  
To save from sorrows and from sins;  
The work that Wisdom undertakes,  
Eternal Mercy ne'er forsakes.

Let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ. Phil. 1:27.

**January 27. God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 Cor. 10:13.**

From trials none can be exempt  
'Tis God's all-wise decree;  
Satan the weakest saint will tempt,  
Nor is the strongest free.

Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 1 Cor. 10:12.

**January 28. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. Col. 3:4.**

Lord, make us truly wise,  
To choose thy people's lot,  
And earthly joys despise,  
Which soon will be forgot:  
The greatest evil we can fear,  
Is to possess our portion here.

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. Col. 3:2.



**January 29. Behold the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy. Psa. 33:18.**

Amidst temptations sharp and long,  
My soul to this dear refuge flies;  
Hope is my anchor, firm and strong,  
While tempests blow and billows rise.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee. Psa. 33:22.

**January 30. I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. 2 Cor. 6:18.**

Praise to the goodness of the Lord,  
Who rules his people by his word;  
And there, as strong as his decrees,  
He sets his kindest promises.

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 2 Cor. 7:1.

**January 31. Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee. Psa. 55:22.**

And shall I still the load retain,  
Which thou hast offered to sustain?  
No; at thy bidding I will flee,  
And cast my burdens all on thee.

Casting all your care upon Him, for he careth for you.  
1 Peter 5:7.

## ***FEBRUARY.***

**February 1. The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation. Exod. 15:2.**

To those who fear and trust the Lord,  
His mercy stands for ever sure;  
From age to age his promise lives,  
And the performance is secure.

What time I am afraid I will trust in thee. Psa. 56:3.

**February 2. The Lord's portion is his people. Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. Deut. 32:9.**

The Lord my portion is,  
I shall be well supplied;  
Since he is mine, and I am his,  
What can I want beside?

Save thy people and bless thine inheritance; feed them also, and lift them up forever. Psa. 28:9.

**February 3. The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deut. 33:27.**

God is the refuge of his saints,  
When storms of sharp distress invade;  
Ere we can offer our complaints,  
Behold him present with his aid.

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.  
Jude 24,25.

**February 4. He will keep the feet of his saints. 1 Sam. 2:9.**

Order my footsteps by thy word,  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.

Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.  
Psa. 17:5.

**February 5. If thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever. 1 Chron. 28:9.**

Soon as I heard my Father say,  
"Ye children, seek my grace,"  
My heart replied without delay,  
"I'll seek my Father's face."

Know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart, and with a willing mind. 1 Chron. 28:9.

**February 6. Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace; thereby good shall come unto thee. Job 22:21.**

Blind unbelief is sure to err,  
And scan his work in vain;  
God is his own interpreter,  
And he will make it plain.

That which I see not, teach thou me; if I have done iniquity I will do no more. Job 34:32.

**February 7. Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. Isa. 57:15.**

A broken heart, my God, my King  
Is all the sacrifice I bring;  
The God of grace will ne'er despise  
A broken heart for sacrifice.

Be clothed with humility. 1 Pet. 5:5.

**February 8. God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 1 Pet. 5:5.**

As a little child relies  
On a care beyond his own;  
Knows he's neither strong nor wise,  
Fears to stir a step alone:  
Let me thus with thee abide,  
As my Father, Guard, and Guide.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. 1 Pet. 5:6.

**February 9. I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in me, shall never die. John 11:25, 26.**

My flesh shall slumber in the ground,  
Till the last trumpet's joyful sound;  
Then burst the chains with sweet surprise,  
And in my Saviour's image rise.

Though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. Job 19:26.

**February 10. Surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God. Eccl. 8:12.**

His mercy never shall remove  
From men of heart sincere:  
He saves the souls whose humble love  
Is joined with holy fear.

God be merciful to me a sinner. Luke 18:13.

**February 11. In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins. Col. 1:10.**

Which of all our friends, to save us,  
Could or would have shed his blood?  
But our Jesus died to have us  
Reconciled in him to God:  
This was boundless love indeed,  
Jesus is a friend in need.

Walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.  
Col. 1:10.

**February 12. They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever. Psa. 125:1.**

Mere mortal power shall fade and die  
And youthful vigor cease;  
But we that wait upon the Lord  
Shall feel our strength increase.

He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool. Prov. 18:26.

**February 13. He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities. Psa. 130:8.**

Believing, we rejoice  
To see the curse remove;  
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice,  
And sing his bleeding love.

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us. Gal. 3:13.

**February 14. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. John 14:2.**

O glorious hour! O blest abode!  
I shall be near and like my God;  
And flesh and sin no more control  
The sacred pleasures of the soul.

We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 Cor. 5:1.

**February 15. Fear not, thou worm Jacob and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. Isa. 41:14.**

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,  
The clouds ye so much dread  
Are big with mercies, and shall break  
In blessings on your head.

I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 2 Cor. 12:9.

**February 16. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever. Psa. 125:2.**

Firm as the earth the gospel stands,  
My Lord, my hope, my trust;  
If I am found in Jesus' hands,  
My soul can ne'er be lost.

Give us help from trouble, for vain is the help of man.  
Psa. 60:11.

**February 17. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Isa. 49:15.**

Can a mother's tender care  
Cease towards the child she bare?  
Yes, she may forgetful be,  
Yet will I remember thee.

Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils; for wherein is he to be accounted of? Isa. 2:22.

**February 18. Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness. Neh. 9:17.**

Whate'er thy providence denies  
I calmly would resign;  
For thou art just and good and wise;  
O bend my will to thine.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Psa. 103:22.

**February 19. Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God? Isa. 50:10.**

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
But trust him for his grace;  
Behind a frowning providence  
He hides a smiling face.

Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him. Job 13:15.

**February 20. Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. Heb. 9:28.**

It cost him death to save our lives,  
To buy our souls it cost his own;  
And all the unknown joys he gives  
Were bought with agonies unknown.

Be patient, therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord.  
Jas. 5:7.

**February 21. The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. James 5:11.**

Trials must and will befall;  
But, with humble faith, to see  
Love inscribed upon them all--  
This is happiness to me.

Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering, affliction, and of patience. Jas. 5:10.

**February 22. I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and as a cloud, thy sins; return unto me, for I have redeemed thee. Isa. 44:22.**

Blest is the man, for ever blest,  
Whose guilt is pardoned by his God:  
Whose sins with sorrow are confessed,  
And covered with his Saviour's blood.

The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.  
1 John 1:7.

**February 23. I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom. 8:38,39.**

Not all that men on earth can do,  
Nor powers on high, nor powers below,  
Shall cause his mercy to remove,  
Or wean our hearts from Christ our love.

So shall we ever be with the Lord. 1 Thess. 4:17.

**February 24. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James. 5:16.**

Prayer an answer will obtain,  
Though the Lord awhile delay;  
None shall seek his name in vain,  
None be empty sent away.

Pray one for another. James. 5:16.

**February 25. He shall deliver thee in six troubles; yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee. Job 5:19.**

In the furnace God may prove thee  
Thence to bring thee forth more bright!  
But can never cease to love thee,  
Thou art precious in his sight;  
God is with thee,  
God thine everlasting light.

Happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty. Job 5:17.

**February 26. God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thess. 5:9.**

Be all my heart and all my days  
Devoted to my Saviour's praise;  
And let my glad obedience prove  
How much I owe, how much I love.

Rejoice evermore. 1 Thess. 5:16.

**February 27. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him; for he knoweth our frame, he remembereth that we are dust. Psalms 103:14.**

The pity of the Lord,  
To those that fear his name,  
Is such as tender parents feel--  
He knows our feeble frame.

O Lord, thou art our Father; we are the clay, and thou art the potter; and we are all the work of thy hand. Isa. 64:8.

**February 28. If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? Psalms 130:3.**

Great God, should thine all-seeing eye,  
And thine impartial hand,  
Mark and revenge iniquity,  
No mortal flesh could stand.

But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared. Psalms 130:4.

**February 29. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22,23.**

If, under means of grace,  
No fruits of grace appear,  
It is a dreadful case;  
Though God may long forbear,  
At length he'll strike the threatened blow,  
And lay the barren fig-tree low.

Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig-tree, and find none; cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And he answering, said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it; and if it bear fruit, well; and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down. Luke 13:7,9.



## **MARCH.**

### **March 1. My times are in thy hand. Psa. 31:15.**

My times are in thy hand,  
Whatever they may be,  
Pleasing or painful, dark or bright,  
As best may seem to thee.

Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; save me, for thy mercies' sake. Psa. 31:16.

### **March 2. The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. Psa. 9:9.**

Other refuge have I none,  
Hangs my only hope on thee;  
Leave, O leave me not alone,  
Still support and comfort me.

Thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee. Psa. 9:10.

### **March 3. The meek will he guide in judgment, and the meek will he teach his way. Psa. 25:9.**

O that the Lord would guide my ways,  
To keep his statutes still;  
O that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do his will.

Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Psa. 25:4.

### **March 4. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 5:3.**

Blest are the humble souls that see  
Their emptiness and poverty:  
Treasures of grace to them are given,  
And crowns of joy laid up in heaven.

Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.  
John 3:3.

**March 5. Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted. Matt. 5:4.**

Blest are the men of broken heart,  
Who mourn for sin with inward smart:  
The blood of Christ divinely flows,  
A healing balm for all their woes.

Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of; but the sorrow of the world worketh death. 2 Cor. 7:10.

**March 6. Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth. Matt. 5:5.**

Blest are the meek who stand afar  
From rage and passion, noise and war;  
God will secure their happy state,  
And plead their cause against the great.

Verily, I say unto you. Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 18:3.

**March 7. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled. Matt. 5:6.**

Blest are the souls that thirst for grace,  
Hunger and long for righteousness;  
They shall be well supplied and fed  
With living streams and living bread.

How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth. Psa. 119:103.

**March 8. Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy. Matt. 5:7.**

Blest are the men whose feelings move,  
And melt with sympathy and love:  
From Christ the Lord shall they obtain  
Like sympathy and love again.

Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Eph. 4:32.

**March 9. Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.  
Matt. 5:8.**

Blest are the pure whose hearts are clean  
From the defiling power of sin:  
With endless pleasure they shall see  
A God of spotless purity.

Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. Psa. 19:12.

**March 10. Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God. Matt. 5:9.**

Blest are the men of peaceful life,  
Who quench the coals of growing strife;  
They shall be called the heirs of bliss,  
The sons of God, the sons of peace.

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. Heb. 12:14.

**March 11. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Matt. 5:10.**

Blest are the sufferers who partake  
Of pain and shame for Jesus' sake;  
Their souls shall triumph in the Lord,  
Glory and joy are their reward.

Endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 2 Tim. 2:3.

**March 12. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. Psa. 97:11.**

Immortal light and joys unknown,  
Are for the saints in darkness sown;  
Those glorious seeds shall spring and rise,  
And the bright harvest bless our eyes.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. Psa. 97:12.

**March 13. The Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth to all generations. Psa. 100:5.**

Wide as the world is thy command;  
Vast as eternity thy love;  
Firm as a rock thy truth must stand,  
When rolling years shall cease to move.

Serve the Lord with gladness. Psa. 100:2.

**March 14. He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer. Psa. 102:17.**

He frees the souls condemned to death,  
And when his saints complain  
It sha'nt be said, that "praying breath  
Was ever spent in vain."

Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble.  
Psa. 102:2.

**March 15. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. Psa. 103:8.**

My soul, repeat his praise,  
Whose mercies are so great;  
Whose anger is so slow to rise,  
So ready to abate.

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Psa. 103:1.

**March 16. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him. Psa. 103:17.**

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while trouble last  
And our eternal home.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Psa. 111:10.

**March 17. Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him. Isa. 3:10.**

Rejoice, ye righteous, and record  
The sacred honors of the Lord;  
None but the soul that feels his grace,  
Can triumph in his holiness.

Woe unto the wicked, it shall be ill with him. Isa. 3:11.

**March 18. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Isa. 12:2.**

Our God, how firm his promise stands,  
E'en when he hides his face;  
He trusts in our Redeemer's hands  
His glory and his grace.

O Lord, I will praise thee; though thou wast angry with me,  
thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. Isa. 12:1.

**March 19. A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory. Matt. 12:20.**

He'll never quench the smoking flax,  
But raise it to a flame;  
The bruised reed he never breaks,  
Nor scorns the meanest name.

Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.  
Matt. 8:17.

**March 20. Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Matt. 11:28.**

Come hither all ye weary souls,  
Ye heavy-laden sinners, come;  
I'll give you rest from all your toils,  
And raise you to my heavenly home.

We which have believed do enter into rest. Heb. 4:3.

**March 21. Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 10:32.**

Jesus, and shall it ever be,  
A mortal man ashamed of thee?  
Ashamed of thee, whom angels praise,  
Whose glories shine thro' endless days?

Whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny  
before my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 10:33.

**March 22. Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound. Rom. 5:20.**

Where sin did reign, and death abound,  
There have the sons of Adam found  
Abounding life; there glorious grace  
Reigns through the Lord our righteousness.

That sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign  
through righteousness unto eternal life, by Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Rom. 5:21.

**March 23. As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Rom. 8:14.**

Assure my conscience of her part  
In the Redeemer's blood,  
And bear thy witness with my heart,  
That I am born of God.

Ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye  
have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba,  
Father. Rom. 8:15.

**March 24. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. Rom. 8:16.**

Dost thou not dwell in all the saints,  
And seal the heirs of heaven?  
When wilt thou banish my complaints,  
And show my sins forgiven?

If children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ.  
Rom. 8:17.

**March 25. The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Rom. 8:18.**

When overwhelmed with grief,  
My heart within me dies,  
Helpless, and far from all relief,  
To heaven I lift mine eyes,

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for praise is comely for the  
upright. Psa. 33:1.

**March 26. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9.**

I felt the festering wound,  
Till I confessed my sins to thee,  
And ready pardon found  
They shall find rest that learn of me.

If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 1 John 1:10.

**March 27. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 1 John 4:9.**

Thy cruel thorns, thy shameful cross,  
Procure us heavenly crowns;  
Our highest gain springs from thy loss,  
Our healing from thy wounds.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 1 John 4:11.

**March 28. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him. 1 John 4:16.**

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

We love him, because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19.

**March 29. The Lord is my defence, and my God is the rock of my refuge. Psa. 94:22.**

Poor though I am, despised, forgot,  
Yet God, my God, forgets me not;  
And he is safe, and must succeed,  
For whom God vouchsafes to plead.

When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O Lord, held me up. Psa. 94:18.

**March 30. Him that overcometh, will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out. Rev. 3:12.**

Then let my soul march boldly on,  
Press forward to the heavenly gate;  
There peace and joy eternal reign,  
And glittering robes for conquerors wait.

Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.  
Rev. 3:11.

**March 31. To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. Rev. 2:7.**

Yes, while the dear Redeemer lives,  
We have a boundless store,  
And shall be fed with what he gives,  
Who lives forevermore.

Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.  
Rev. 1:5,6.

## **APRIL.**

**April 1. Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne; mercy and truth shall go before thy face. Psa. 89:14.**

Justice and Judgment are thy throne,  
Yet wondrous is thy grace;  
While truth and mercy joined in one,  
Invite us near thy face.

Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God. 1 Pet. 3:18.

**April 2. He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Isa. 40:29.**

When sore afflictions press me down,  
I need thy quickening powers:  
Thy word, that I have rested on,  
Shall help my heaviest hours.

In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me. Psa. 56:11.



**April 3. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom. Isa. 40:11.**

When faint and trembling with alarms,  
O gather us within thine arms;  
King Shepherd, on thy gracious breast!  
The weakest lamb may safely rest.

I am the good Shepherd: the good Shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. John 10:11.

**April 4. Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance. Psa. 89:15.**

Blest are the souls that hear and know  
The gospel's joyful sound:  
Peace shall attend the path they go,  
And light their steps surround.

In thy name shall they rejoice all the day, and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted. Psa. 89:16.

**April 5. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isa. 40:31.**

Swift as an eagle cuts the air,  
We'll mount aloft to thine abode;  
On wings of love our souls shall fly,  
Nor tire amidst the heavenly road.

My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him. Psa. 82:5.

**April 6. The Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. Isa. 59:1.**

Wait on the Lord, ye trembling saints,  
And keep your courage up;  
He'll raise your spirit when it faints,  
And far exceed your hope.

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life.  
1 Tim. 6:12.

**April 7. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him. Isa. 59:19.**

Restraining prayer, we cease to fight;  
Prayer makes the Christian's armor bright;  
And Satan trembles when he sees  
The weakest saint upon his knees.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7.

**April 8. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. Jer. 17:7.**

Begone, unbelief, my Saviour is near,  
And for my relief will surely appear;  
By faith let me wrestle, and he will perform  
--With Christ in the vessel, I smile at the storm.

Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. Jer. 17:5.

**April 9. Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved; for thou art my praise. Jer. 17:14.**

A guilty, weak and helpless worm,  
On thy kind arms I fall;  
Be thou my strength and righteousness,  
My Jesus and my all.

O Lord, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living waters. Jer. 17:13.

**April 10. O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thy help. Hos. 13:9.**

Could the creatures help or ease us,  
Seldom should we think of prayer;  
Few, if any, come to Jesus  
Till reduced to self-despair.

When we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. Rom. 5:6.

**April 11. The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. Lam. 3:25.**

Did ever mourner plead with thee,  
And thou refuse that mourner's plea?  
Does not the word still fixed remain,  
That none shall seek thy face in vain?

It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. Lam. 3:26.

**April 12. Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. Psa. 63:7.**

His love in time past forbids me think  
He'll leave me at last in trouble to sink:  
Each sweet Ebenezer I have to review,  
Confirms his good pleasure to help me quite through.

The Lord is my portion, saith my soul: therefore will I hope in him. Lam. 3:24.

**April 13. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord. Hos. 6:3.**

I need the influence of thy grace,  
To speed me in my way;  
Lest I should loiter in my race,  
Or turn my feet astray.

No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke 9:62.

**April 14. When I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me. Micah 7:8.**

Though dark be my way, since He is my guide,  
'Tis mine to obey, 'tis His to provide;  
Though cisterns be broken, and creatures all fail,  
The word he has spoken shall surely prevail.

I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me. Micah 7:9.

**April 15. I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. Micah 7:7.**

When I am filled with sore distress  
For some surprising sin,  
I'll plead thy perfect righteousness,  
And mention none but thine.

Men ought always to pray, and not to faint. Luke 18:1.

**April 16. The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him, and the Lord shall cover him all the day long. Deut. 33:12.**

As the bird beneath her feathers  
Guards the objects of her care,  
So the Lord his children gathers,  
Spreads his wings and hides them there.

Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings. Psalms 17:8.

**April 17. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isa. 1:18.**

For Him who washed you in his blood,  
Ye saints, your loudest songs prepare:  
He sought you wandering far from God,  
And now preserves you by his care.

Now, in Christ Jesus, ye who sometime were far off, are made nigh by the blood of Christ. Eph. 2:13.

**April 18. I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Psalms 27:13.**

Friend of the friendless and the faint,  
Where shall I lodge my deep complaint?  
Where but with thee, whose open door  
Invites the helpless and the poor?

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee. Psalms 63:1.

**April 19. The meek shall increase their joy in the Lord.  
Isa. 29:19.**

When Christ by faith is present,  
The sinner's troubles cease;  
His ways are truly pleasant,  
And all his paths are peace.

The Lord lifteth up the meek; he casteth the wicked down to the ground. Psa. 147:6.

**April 20. He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.  
Psa. 55:22.**

Dear Saviour, let us never be,  
Before the world ashamed of thee,  
Nor shrink from duty's call:  
Our work to do thee service here,  
Our hope in glory to appear,  
Where thou art all in all.

He that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still. Rev. 22:11.

**April 21. Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God,  
believe also in me. John 14:1.**

Jesus, hear our humble prayer;  
Tender Shepherd of thy sheep,  
Let thy mercy and thy care  
All our souls in safety keep.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Psa. 46:11.

**April 22. I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his  
word do I hope. Psa. 130:5.**

Lord Jesus, help me now to flee  
And seek my hope alone in thee;  
Apply thy blood, thy Spirit give,  
Subdue my sin, and let me live.

Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance. Matt. 3:8.

**April 23. Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy; when I fall, I  
shall arise. Micah 7:8.**

Let the fainting soul be cheerful,  
Let the timid now be brave;  
Why should they be faint or fearful

Whom the Lord delights to save?  
Whom he rescues,  
Satan can no more enslave.

Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. Psa. 4:6.

**April 24. Truly my soul waiteth upon God; from him cometh my salvation. Psalms 62:1.**

Quiet, Lord, my froward heart;  
Make me teachable and mild,  
Upright, simple, free from art,  
Like a little weaned child;  
From distrust and envy free,  
Pleased with all that pleases thee.

I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord. Gen. 49:18.

**April 25. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases. Psalms 103:3.**

Thanks for mercies past receive,  
Pardon of our sins renew;  
Teach us henceforth how to live  
With eternity in view.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Psalms 103:2.

**April 26. Let Israel hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. Psalms 130:7.**

There's full redemption at his throne,  
For sinners long enslaved;  
The great Redeemer is his Son,  
And Israel shall be saved.

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace. Eph. 1:7.

**April 27. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly of heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. Matt. 11:29.**

They shall find rest that learn of me,  
I'm of a meek and lowly mind,  
But passion rages like the sea,  
And pride is restless as the wind.

Help us, O Lord our God, for we rest on thee. 2 Chron. 14:11.

**April 28. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.  
James 4:8.**

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden,  
Lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better,  
You will never come at all:  
Not the righteous,  
Sinners Jesus came to call.

It is good for me to draw near to God. Psalms 73:28.

**April 29. Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness  
shalt thou establish in the very heavens. Psalms 89:2.**

The sacred truths his lips pronounce,  
Shall firm as heaven endure;  
And if he speak a promise once,  
The eternal grace is sure.

Let them that suffer according to the will of God, commit the  
keeping of their souls to him in well-doing, as unto a faithful  
Creator. 1 Peter 4:19.

**April 30. My yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matt. 11:30.**

Blest is the man whose shoulders take  
My yoke, and bear it with delight;  
My yoke is easy to his neck,  
My grace shall make the burden light.

Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.  
Proverbs 3:17.

## **MAY.**

**May 1. The Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the  
Lord is our king; he will save us. Isaiah 33:22.**

Thy throne, O God, forever stands,  
Grace is the sceptre in thy hands;  
Thy laws and words are just and right,  
Justice and grace are thy delight.

Save us, O God of our salvation. 1 Chronicles 16:35.

**May 2. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand for ever. Isa. 40:8.**

We've no abiding city here;  
This may distress the worldling's mind  
But should not cost the saint a tear,  
Who hopes a better rest to find.

Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life;  
and they are they which testify of me. John 5:39.

**May 3. Fear not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God. Isa. 41:10.**

When I walk through the shades of death,  
Thy presence is my stay;  
A word of thy supporting breath  
Drives all my fears away.

Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.  
Matt. 28:20.

**May 4. I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. Isa. 43:25.**

How glorious is that righteousness  
Which cancels the believer's sins;  
While a bright evidence of grace  
Thro' his whole life appears and shines.

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be  
blotted out. Acts. 3:19.

**May 5. Fear not; for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. Isa. 43:1.**

The gospel bears my spirit up;  
A faithful and unchanging God  
Lays the foundation of my hope,  
In oaths and promises and blood.

Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and  
gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without  
blemish and without spot. 1 Pet. 1:18,19.



**May 6. I, the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. Isa. 41:13.**

Then let our humble faith address  
His mercy and his power;  
We shall obtain delivering grace  
In the distressing hour.

Lord, save me. Matt. 14:30.

**May 7. The needy shall not always be forgotten. Psal. 9:18.**

When creature comforts fade and die,  
Worldlings may weep, but why should I!  
Jesus still lives, and still is nigh.

Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. 2 Cor. 8:9.

**May 8. The expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever. Psal. 9:18.**

A certain refuge Christ will prove  
For all the poor oppresst;  
To save the people of his love,  
And give the weary rest.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. Psal. 34:6.

**May 9. In thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. Psal. 16:11.**

What sinners value I resign;  
Lord, 'tis enough, if thou art mine;  
I shall behold thy blissful face,  
And stand complete in righteousness.

To me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Phil. 1:21.

**May 10. The Lord is my rock and my fortress, and my deliverer. Psa. 18:2.**

Thee will I love, O Lord, my strength,  
My rock, my tower, my high defence  
Thy mighty arm shall be my trust,  
For I have found salvation thence.

Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. Prov. 27:1.

**May 11. Thou wilt save the afflicted people. Psa. 18:27.**

Just in the last distressing hour.  
The Lord displays delivering power,  
The mount of danger is the place  
Where we shall see surprising grace.

Lord, save us: we perish. Matt. 8:25.

**May 12. The Lord is my strength. Hab. 3:19.**

Though press'd we will not yield,  
But shall prevail at length;  
Christ is our sun and shield,  
Our righteousness and strength.

Although the fig-tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls; yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. Hab. 3:17,18.

**May 13. I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8:12.**

Great Sun of righteousness, arise,  
Bless th'dark world with heavenly light;  
Thy gospel makes the simple wise,  
Thy laws are pure, thy judgments right.

The Lord my God will enlighten my darkness. Psa. 18:28.

**May 14. He hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted. Psa. 22:24.**

Afflictions, though they seem severe,  
In mercy oft are sent;  
They stopped the prodigal's career,  
And forced him to repent.

Despise not the chastening of the Lord, neither be weary of his correction; for whom the Lord loveth he correcteth, even as a father the son in whom he delighteth. Prov. 3:11,12.

**May 15. Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity? Mic. 7:18.**

O save a trembling sinner, Lord,  
Whose hope, still hovering round thy word  
Would light on some sweet promise there,  
Some sure support against despair.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David. Matt. 20:31.

**May 16. I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. Mal. 3:6.**

O let them at length be taught,  
What I am still so slow to learn,  
That God is love, and changes not,  
Nor knows the shadow of a turn.

Every good and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. James 1:17.

**May 17. He retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. Micah 7:18.**

Blest is the man to whom the Lord  
Imputes not his iniquities:  
He pleads no merit of reward,  
And not on works but grace relies.

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 2 Cor. 5:21.

**May 18. He will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. Micah 7:19.**

Our very frame is mix'd with sin,  
His Spirit makes our natures clean:  
Such virtues from his sufferings flow,  
At once to cleanse and pardon too.

Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins. Matt. 1:21.

**May 19. The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. Nahum 1:3.**

It is the Lord! shall I resist  
Or contradict his will,  
Who cannot do but what is just,  
And must be righteous still?

Be ye reconciled to God. 2 Cor. 5:20.

**May 20. The Lord is good, a strong-hold in the day of trouble: and he knoweth them that trust in him. Nah. 1:7.**

My shepherd will supply my need,  
Jehovah is his name;  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed,  
Beside the living stream.

I am the good Shepherd, and know my sheep. John 10:14.

**May 21. The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Hab. 2:14.**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run,  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years. Hab. 3:2.

**May 22. The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. Zeph. 3:17.**

How can I sink with such a prop  
As my eternal God,  
Who bears the earth's huge pillars up  
And spreads the heavens abroad?

In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not; and to Zion, Let not thy hands be slack. Zeph. 3:16.

**May 23. I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn. Zech. 12:10.**

Strike, mighty grace, my flinty soul,  
Till melting waters flow,  
And deep repentance drown mine eyes  
In undissembled woe.

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness. Joel 2:13.

**May 24. His mercy is on them that fear him. Luke 1:50.**

In vain the trembling conscience seeks  
Some solid ground to rest upon;  
With long despair the spirit breaks,  
Till we apply to Christ alone.

Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; he is their help and their shield. Psa. 115:11.

**May 25. There shall be a fountain opened to the house of David, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. Zech. 13:7.**

Come, and he'll cleanse our opened souls,  
And wash away our stains,  
In the dear fountain that his Son  
Pour'd from his dying veins.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Psa. 51:10.

**May 26. If two of you shall agree on earth, as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them. Matt. 18:19.**

Prayer was appointed to convey  
The blessings God designs to give;  
Long as they live should Christians pray,  
For only while they pray they live.

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplications with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. Phil. 4:6.

**May 27. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. Mal. 3:7.**

Jesus, we come at thy command,  
With faith, and hope, and humble zeal,  
Resign our spirits to thy hand,  
To mould and guide us at thy will.

Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. Acts 5:31.

**May 28. Unto you that fear my name, shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings. Mal. 4:2.**

Through all the storms that veil the skies,  
And frown on earthly things,  
The Sun of righteousness shall rise  
With healing in his wings.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matt. 5:16.

**May 29. Verily, verily, I say unto you he that believeth on me hath everlasting life. John 6:47.**

Should all the forms that men devise  
Assault my faith with treacherous art,  
I'd call them vanity and lies,  
And bind the gospel to my heart.

He that believeth on the Son of God, hath the witness in himself. 1 John 5:10.

**May 30. The Son of man shall come in the glory of the Father, with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works. Matt. 16:27.**

See the Judge our nature wearing,  
Cloth'd in majesty divine;  
You, who long for his appearing,  
Then shall say, This God is mine,  
Gracious Saviour,  
Own me in that day for thine.

What is man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Matt. 16:26.

**May 31. We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. Isa. 64:6.**

Let others in the gaudy dress  
Of fancied merit shine,  
The Lord shall be my righteousness,  
The Lord forever mine.

I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith. Phil. 3:8,9.

## ***JUNE.***

**June 1. I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. John 6:35.**

Tho' all the flocks and herds were dead,  
My soul a famine need not dread,  
For Jesus is my living bread.

Lord, evermore give us this bread. John 6:34.

**June 2. He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us.  
Micah 7:19.**

Jesus, my God, thy blood alone  
Hath power sufficient to atone;  
Thy blood can make me white as snow,  
No Jewish type could cleanse me so.

God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not  
imputing their trespasses unto them. 2 Cor. 5:19.

**June 3. Where two or three are gathered together in my name,  
there am I in the midst of them. Matt. 18:20.**

Where two or three, with sweet accord  
Unite to seek and praise the Lord,  
"There," says the Saviour "will I be  
Amid this little company."

Every one that asketh, receiveth. Luke 11:10.

**June 4. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners: of  
whom I am chief. 1 Tim. 1:15.**

Resting on "this faithful saying."  
We are safe from force and guile;  
On our Lord our spirits staying,  
We may look around and smile.

This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm  
constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful  
to maintain good works. Titus 3:8.

**June 5. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord, when he  
cometh, shall find watching. Luke 12:37.**

Watch--'tis your Lord's command,  
And while we speak he's near;  
Mark the first signal of his hand,  
And ready all appear.

Be ye therefore ready; for the Son of man cometh at an hour  
when ye think not. Luke 12:40.



**June 6. All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Matt. 21:22.**

Lord I cannot let thee go,  
Till a blessing thou bestow;  
Do not turn away thy face,  
Mine's an urgent, pressing case,

Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thess. 5:17,18.

**June 7. I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth. John 14:16,17.**

Come, Holy Spirit, come,  
With energy divine;  
And on my poor benighted soul  
With beams of mercy shine.

Walk in the Spirit. Gal. 5:16.

**June 8. I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you. John 14:18.**

While my spirit within me is prest  
With sorrow, temptation and fear;  
Like John, I would flee to thy breast,  
And pour my complaints in thine ear.

Abide in him; that when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. 1 John 2:28.

**June 9. If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. John 14:23.**

One there is above all others  
Well deserves the name of friend;  
His is love beyond a brother's,  
Costly, free, and knows no end:  
They who once his kindness prove,  
Find it everlasting love.

He that loveth me not, keepeth not my sayings. John 14:24.

**June 10. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. John 14:27.**

Let worldly minds the world pursue,  
It has no charms for me;  
Once I admir'd its trifles too,  
But grace has set me free.

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.  
John 14:27.

**June 11. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. John 15:7.**

Knowledge, and zeal, and gifts, and talk,  
Unless combin'd with faith and love,  
And witness'd by a gospel walk,  
Will not a true profession prove.

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. John 15:8.

**June 12. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you. John 15:9.**

O for grace our hearts to soften,  
Teach us, Lord, at length to love;  
We, alas, forget too often  
What a friend we have above:  
But when home our souls are brought  
We will love thee as we ought.

Continue ye in my love. John 15:9.

**June 13. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love. John 15:10.**

Do not I love thee, O my Lord?  
Behold my heart and see;  
And turn each cursed idol out  
That dares to rival thee.

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit. John 15:16.

**June 14. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. John 16:23.**

What various hind'rances we meet,  
In coming to a mercy seat,  
Yet who that knows the worth of prayer  
But wishes to be often there.

Your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. 1 John 2:12.

**June 15. Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. John 16:24.**

Prayer makes the darken'd cloud withdraw;  
Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw;  
Gives exercise to faith and love,  
Brings every blessing from above.

In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer;  
I have overcome the world. John 16:33.

**June 16. Being justified by faith we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:1.**

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress:  
'Midst flaming worlds, in these array'd  
With joy shall I lift up my head.

By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein  
ye stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Rom. 5:2.

**June 17. God will render to every man according to his deeds; to them who, by patient continuance in well-doing, seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life. Rom. 2:7.**

If thou, my Jesus, still be nigh,  
Cheerful I live, and joyful die;  
Secure, when mortal comforts flee  
To find ten thousand worlds in thee.

This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. John 17:3.

**June 18. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. Acts 16:31.**

Lord, I retire beneath thy cross,  
By faith at thy dear feet I lie;  
And the keen sword that justice draws,  
Flaming and red shall pass me by.

I know whom I have believed. 2 Tim. 1:12.

**June 19. God commendeth his love toward us, that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8.**

The cross!--its burden, O how great!  
No strength but his COULD bear its weight!  
No love but his WOULD undertake  
To bear it for the sinner's sake.

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. Rom. 5:9.

**June 20. Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord. Ps. 31:24.**

Ye humble souls, in every strait,  
On God with sacred courage wait;  
His hand will life and strength afford,  
O ever wait upon the Lord.

Be not afraid, only believe. Mark 5:36.

**June 21. His anger endureth but a moment; in his favor is life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. Ps. 30:5.**

Since all that I meet  
Shall work for my good,  
The bitter is sweet,  
The med'cine is food;  
Though painful at present,  
Twill end before long,  
And then, O how pleasant  
The conqueror's song!

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me. Lord, be thou my helper. Ps. 30:10.

**June 22. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? Psa. 27:1.**

Why should I shrink at thy command  
Whose love forbids my fears;  
Or tremble at the gracious hand  
That wipes away my tears?

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path. Psa. 27:11.

**June 23. Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. Rom. 9:33.**

Asham'd of Jesus! that dear friend  
On whom my hopes of heav'n depend?  
No; when I blush--be this my shame,  
That I no more revere his name.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice. Phil. 4:4.

**June 24. If when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son; much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. Rom. 5:10.**

Jesus, my great High Priest,  
Offer'd his blood and died;  
My guilty conscience seeks  
No sacrifice beside;  
His powerful blood did once atone,  
And now it pleads before the throne.

Not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. Rom. 5:11.

**June 25. If God be for us, who can be against us? Rom. 8:31.**

O why should I murmur and grieve,  
Since my Shepherd is always the same;  
And has promis'd he never will leave  
The soul that confides in his name.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Rom. 8:35.

**June 26. The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Rom. 8:26.**

Come, gracious Spirit, source of love,  
With light and comfort from above;  
Be thou our guardian, thou our guide,  
O'er every thought and step preside.

Quench not the Spirit. 1 Thess. 5:19.

**June 27. If by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace, and of the gift of righteousness, shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:17.**

Thou hast redeem'd our souls from death,  
Hast set the pris'ner free;  
Hast made us kings and priests to God,  
And we shall reign with thee.

Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. Rom. 6:18.

**June 28. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Psal. 46:7.**

Great God, assist me through the fight,  
Make me triumphant in thy might';  
Thou the desponding heart canst raise--  
The victory mine, and thine the praise.

We are more than conquerors, through him that loved us.  
Rom. 8:37.

**June 29. Thou art my hiding-place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Psal. 32:7.**

How are thy servants bless'd, O Lord!  
How sure is their defence!  
Eternal Wisdom is their guide--  
Their help Omnipotence.

Blessed are all they that put their trust in him. Psal. 2:12.

**June 30. We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Rom. 8:28.**

My Saviour, I would freely yield,  
What most I prize, to thee;  
Whomever hast a good withheld,  
Or wilt withhold from me.

All are yours, and ye are Christ's. 1 Cor. 3:22,23.

## **JULY.**

**July 1. Whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward. Mark 9:41.**

Teach us, O Lord, to keep in view  
Thy pattern, and thy steps pursue;  
Let alms bestow'd, let kindness done,  
Be witness'd by each rolling sun.

Take heed and beware of covetousness. Luke 12:15.

**July 2. The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psa. 27:1.**

O Lord, my best desire fulfil,  
And help me to resign  
Life, health, and comfort to thy will,  
And make thy pleasure mine.

Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger. Psa. 27:9.

**July 3. I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye. Psa. 32:8.**

What shall be my future lot,  
Well I know concerns me not;  
This should set my heart at rest,  
What thy will ordains is best.

This God is our God forever and ever; he will be our guide, even unto death. Psa. 48:14.

**July 4. Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about. Psa. 32:10.**

On us thy providence has shone,  
With gentle smiling rays;  
O may our lips and lives make known  
Thy goodness and thy praise.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous; and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart. Psa. 32:11.

**July 5. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Psa. 34:18.**

Come, weary souls, with sin distrest,  
Come and accept the promis'd rest;  
The Saviour's gracious call obey,  
And cast your gloomy fears away.

Look upon mine affliction and my pain, and forgive all my sins. Psa. 25:18.

**July 6. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. Psa. 34:15.**

What thou shalt to-day provide,  
Let me as a child receive;  
What to-morrow may betide,  
Calmly to thy wisdom leave:  
'Tis enough that thou wilt care--  
Why should I the burden bear?

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. James. 5:13.

**July 7. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. Psa. 34:19.**

Yes, 'tis a rough and thorny road  
That leads us to the saints' abode;  
But when our father's house we gain,  
'Twill make amends for all our pain.

Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins? Lam. 3:29.



**July 8. The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants, and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate. Psa. 34:22.**

Mourning souls, dry up your tears,  
Banish all your guilty fears;  
See your guilt and curse remove,  
Cancell'd by redeeming love.

Being justified freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Rom. 3:24.

**July 9. Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens, and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. Psa. 36:5.**

O make but trial of his love,  
Experience will decide,  
How blest are they, and only they,  
Who in his truth confide!

God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Cor. 1:9.

**July 10. How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. Psa. 36:7.**

Through all the changing scenes of life,  
In trouble and in joy,  
The praises of my God shall still  
My heart and tongue employ.

They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house, and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. Psa. 36:8.

**July 11. With thee is the fountain of life; in thy light shall we see light. Psa. 36:9.**

Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
Grace to pardon all our sin;  
Let the healing streams abound,  
Make and keep us pure within.

O continue thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee, and thy righteousness to the upright in heart. Psa. 36:10.

**July 12. It is a faithful saying; For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him. 2 Tim. 2:11.**

I plead the merits of thy Son,  
Who died for sinners on the tree;  
I plead his righteousness alone--  
O put the spotless robe on me.

He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. 2 Cor. 5:15.

**July 13. If we suffer, we shall reign with him. 2 Tim. 2:12.**

Why should I complain  
Of want or distress,  
Temptations or pain?  
He told me no less:  
The heirs of salvation,  
I know from his word,  
Through much tribulation  
Must follow their Lord.

If we deny him, he will also deny us. 2 Tim. 2:12.

**July 14. If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful; he cannot deny himself. 2 Tim. 2:13.**

O my distrustful heart,  
How small thy faith appears!  
But greater, Lord, thou art,  
Than all my doubts and fears:  
Did Jesus once upon me shine,  
Then Jesus is forever mine.

Be not faithless, but believing. John 20:27.

**July 15. The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal. The Lord knoweth them that are his. 2 Tim. 2:19.**

It is the Lord--my cov'nant God,  
Thrice blessed be his name!  
Whose gracious promise, seal'd with blood  
Must ever be the same.

Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. 2 Tim. 2:19.

**July 16. He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Heb. 7:25.**

Though faint my pray'rs and cold my love,  
My steadfast hope shall not remove  
While Jesus intercedes above.

For such a High-priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners. Heb. 7:26.

**July 17. The Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and keep you from evil. 1 Thess. 3:3.**

Let the sweet hope that thou art mine,  
My life and death attend;  
Thy presence through my journey shine,  
And crown my journey's end.

Be not weary in well-doing. 2 Thess. 3:13.

**July 18. In that he himself hath suffered, being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted. Heb. 2:18.**

How bitter the cup,  
No heart can conceive,  
Which he drank quite up,  
That sinners might live!  
His way was much rougher  
And darker than mine;  
Did Jesus thus suffer,  
And shall I repine?

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. Matt. 16:24.

**July 19. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Luke 12:32.**

In the floods of tribulation,  
While the billows o'er me roll;  
Jesus whispers consolation  
And supports my fainting soul.

Seek not what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind; rather seek ye the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you. Luke 12:29,31.

**July 20. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life. John 3:36.**

No more, my God, I boast no more  
Of all the duties I have done;  
I quit the hopes I held before,  
To trust the merits of thy Son.

He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. John 3:36.

**July 21. God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. Gal. 6:14.**

When I survey the wond'rous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above. Col. 3:1.

**July 22. God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16.**

I hope for pardon through thy Son,  
For all the crimes which I have done;  
O may the grace which pardons me,  
Constrain me to forgive like thee.

Walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us. Eph. 5:2.

**July 23. God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. John 3:17.**

Jesus, our great High Priest,  
Has full atonement made:  
Ye weary spirits, rest;  
Ye mournful souls, be glad.

This is his commandment, that we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another. 1 John 3:23.

**July 24. He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. Prov. 28:13.**

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrain'd to be!  
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Psa. 32:5.

**July 25. They have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb; therefore are they before the throne of God. Rev. 7:14,15.**

Thy blood, dear Jesus, thine alone,  
Hath sov'reign virtue to atone;  
Here we will rest our only plea,  
When we approach, great God, to thee.

He that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us. 1 John 3:24.

**July 26. Now once in the end of the world hath he appeared, to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. Heb. 9:26.**

So great, so vast a sacrifice,  
May well my hope revive;  
If God's own Son thus bleeds and dies,  
The sinner sure may live.

Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. 1 Cor. 6:20.

**July 27. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psa. 46:1.**

In the darkest dispensations  
Doth my faithful Lord appear,  
With his richest consolations,  
To reanimate and cheer:  
Sweet affliction, sweet affliction,  
Thus to bring my Saviour near.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. Psa. 46:2.

**July 28. God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Psa. 62:7.**

My spirit looks to God alone,  
My rock and refuge is his throne;  
In all my fears, in all my straits,  
My soul on his salvation waits.

Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him. God is a refuge for us. Psa. 62:8.

**July 29. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. James. 4:10.**

Dear Father, if thy lifted rod  
Resolve to scourge us here below,  
Still we must lean upon our God,  
Thine arm shall bear us safely through.

God resisteth the proud but giveth grace unto the humble.  
James 4:6.

**July 30. To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit. Isa. 66:2.**

The humble soul my words revive,  
I bid the mourning sinner live,  
Heal all the broken hearts I find,  
And ease the sorrows of the mind.

I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think: but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. Rom. 12:3.

**July 31. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. 2 Tim. 4:8.**

Blessed are the sons of God!  
They are bought with Jesus' blood;  
They are ransomed from the grave,  
Life eternal they shall have;  
With them number'd may we be,  
Now and through eternity.

The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. 1 Thess. 5:23,24.

## **AUGUST.**

**August 1. There is no God else besides me; a just God and a Savior; there is none besides me. Isa. 45:21.**

Great God, with rev'ence we adore  
Thy justice and thy grace;  
And on thy faithfulness and power  
Our firm dependence place.

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. Isa. 45:22.

**August 2. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. Rev. 16:15.**

Lord, search my thoughts, and try my ways  
And make my soul sincere;  
Then shall I stand before thy face,  
And find acceptance there.

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation. Matt. 26:41.

**August 3. All the promises of God in him (Christ) are yea, and in him, Amen, unto the glory of God. 2 Cor. 1:20.**

The work which his goodness began,  
The arm of his strength will complete;  
His promise is yea, and Amen,  
And never was forfeited yet.

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever.  
Heb. 13:8.

**August 4. Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with me. Rev. 3:20.**

Behold a stranger at the door!  
He gently knocks, has knock'd before,  
Has waited long, is waiting still;  
You use no other friend so ill.

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. Rev. 3:21.

**August 5. The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me.  
Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever. Psa. 138:8.**

His saints what is fitting  
Shall ne'er be deny'd,  
So long as 'tis written,  
The Lord will provide.

Forsake not the work of thine own hands. Psa. 138:8.

**August 6. God is able to make all grace abound toward you;  
that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound  
to every good work. 2 Cor. 9:8.**

All needful grace will God bestow,  
And crown that grace with glory too;  
He gives us all things, and withholds  
No real good from upright souls.

He which soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly; and he  
which soweth bountifully, shall reap also bountifully. 2 Cor. 9:6.

**August 7. By grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of  
yourselves; it is the gift of God. Eph. 2:8.**

Grace, 'tis a charming sound,  
Harmonious to the ear!  
Heav'n with the echo shall resound,  
And all the earth shall hear.

We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good  
works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in  
them. Eph. 2:10.

**August 8. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a  
crown of life. Rev. 2:10.**

Then, Savior, then, my soul receive,  
Transported from this vale to live  
And reign with thee above;  
Where faith is sweetly lost in sight,  
And hope in full, supreme delight,  
And everlasting love.

Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at  
hand. Phil. 4:5.



**August 9. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 1 John 5:13.**

Faith hath an overcoming power,  
It triumphs in the dying hour;  
Christ is our life, our joy, our hope,  
Nor can we sink with such a prop.

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us. 1 John 5:14.

**August 10. God hath given to us eternal life; and this life is in his Son. 1 John 5:11.**

How can I die while Jesus lives?  
Who rose and left the dead;  
Pardon and grace my soul receives  
From mine exalted Head.

He that hath the Son, hath life; and he that hath not the Son, hath not life. 1 John 5:12.

**August 11. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. Rev. 3:5.**

In thy fair book of life divine,  
My God, inscribe my name;  
There let it fill some humble place  
Beneath my Lord, the Lamb.

Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die. Rev. 3:2.

**August 12. In due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Gal. 6:9.**

Though seed lie buried long in dust,  
'Twill not deceive our hope;  
Thy precious grain can ne'er be lost,  
For grace insures the crop.

Let us not be weary in well-doing. Gal. 6:9.

**August 13. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.  
Rev. 14:13.**

Teach me to live, that I may dread  
The grave as little as my bed;  
Teach me to die, that so I may  
Rise glorious at the Judgment day.

Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and  
their works do follow  
them. Rev. 14:13.

**August 14. God is not unrighteous to forget your work and  
labor of love. Heb. 6:10.**

True faith unites to Christ the root,  
By him producing holy fruit;  
And they who no such fruit can show  
Still on the stock of nature grow.

Be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and  
patience inherit the promises. Heb. 6:12.

**August 15. The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion: slow  
to anger, and of great mercy. Psa. 145:8.**

Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye  
present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God,  
which is your reasonable service. Rom. 12:1.

**August 16. Return, ye backsliding children and I will heal  
your backslidings. Jer. 3:22.**

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal  
Seal it from thy courts above.

Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the Lord our God. Jer.  
3:22.

**August 17. Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart. Psa. 37:4.**

O Lord, I would delight in thee,  
And on thy care depend;  
To thee in every trouble flee,  
My best, my only friend.

So run, that ye may obtain. 1 Cor. 9:24.

**August 18. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. Psa. 37:5.**

All my times shall ever be  
Order'd by thy wise decree;  
Times of sickness, times of health,  
Times of penury and wealth  
Times of trial and of grief  
Times of triumph and relief.

O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. Jer. 10:23.

**August 19. Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. 2 Cor. 4:17.**

Trials make the promise sweet,  
Trials give new life to prayer;  
Bring me to the Saviour's feet,  
Lay me low and keep me there.

We walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Cor. 5:7.

**August 20. Trust in the Lord, and do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Psa. 37:3.**

If he shed his precious blood  
To bring me to his fold,  
Can I think that any good  
He ever will withhold?

Fret not thyself because of evil-doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. Psa. 37:1.

**August 21. To him that ordereth his conversation aright, will I show the salvation of God. Psa. 50:23.**

Be this my one great business here,  
With holy trembling, holy fear,  
To make my calling sure;  
Thine utmost counsel to fulfil,  
And suffer all thy righteous will,  
And to the end endure.

Abstain from all appearance of evil. 1 Thes. 5:22.

**August 22. Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. Psa. 50:15.**

Dear refuge of my weary soul,  
On thee, when sorrows rise--  
On thee, when waves of trouble roll,  
My fainting hope relies.

O Lord, correct me, but with judgment: not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing. Jer. 10:24.

**August 23. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and he delighteth in his way: though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down, because the Lord upholdeth him with his hand. Psa. 37:23,24.**

Sovereign Ruler of the skies,  
Ever gracious, ever wise,  
All my times are in thy hand,  
All events at thy command.

Walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time. Eph. 5:15,16.

**August 24. The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord; he is their strength in the time of trouble. Psa. 37:39.**

Lord, who hast suffer'd all for me  
My peace and pardon to procure,  
The lighter cross I bear for thee,  
Help me with patience to endure.

Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me. Psa. 66:20.

**August 25. Thy mercy is great above the heavens, and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds. Psa. 108:4.**

Approach, my soul, the mercy-seat,  
Where Jesus answers pray'r;  
There humbly fall before his feet,  
For none can perish there.

Be thou exalted, o God, above the heavens, and thy glory above all the earth. Psa. 108:5.

**August 26. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Psa. 126:5.**

Let those that sow in sadness wait  
Till the fair harvest come;  
They shall confess their sheaves are great,  
And shout the blessings home.

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Psa. 126:6.

**August 27. Through God we shall do valiantly; for he it is that shall tread down our enemies. Psa. 60:12.**

Let us sing though fierce temptation  
Threaten hard to bear us down;  
For the Lord, our strong salvation,  
Holds in view the conqueror's crown.  
He that wash'd us in his blood,  
Soon will bring us home to God.

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:57.

**August 28. Thou Lord, art good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee. Psa. 86:5.**

Mercy, good Lord, mercy I seek,  
This is the total sum;  
Mercy, through Christ, is all my suit,  
Lord, let thy mercy come.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily. Psa. 86:3.

**August 29. Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly. Psalms 138:6.**

Poor, weak, and worthless though I am,  
I have a rich almighty Friend,  
Jesus, the Saviour is his name--  
He freely loves, and without end.

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. 1  
Cor. 10:31.

**August 30. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me. Psalms 138:7.**

Though troubles assail,  
And dangers affright,  
Though friends should all fail,  
And foes all unite;  
Yet one thing secures us,  
Whatever betide,  
The Scripture assures us  
The Lord will provide.

Behold, God is my helper. Psalms 54:4.

**August 31. The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Revelation 22:17.**

Though his majesty be great,  
His mercy is no less;  
Though he thy transgressions hate,  
He feels for thy distress!  
Yield not then to unbelief,  
While he says, There yet is room;  
Though of sinners thou art chief,  
Since Jesus calls thee, come.

Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. 2:1.

## **SEPTEMBER.**

**September 1. Yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Heb. 10:37.**

If from guilt and sin set free,  
By the knowledge of thy grace,  
Welcome then the call will be  
To depart and see thy face.

Ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. Heb. 10:36.

**September 2. The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations. 2 Pet. 2:9.**

Christ knows how much the weak can bear  
And helps them when they cry;  
The strongest have no strength to spare,  
For such he'll strongly try.

Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Matt. 6:13.

**September 3. The just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. Heb. 10:38.**

Grace alone can cure our ills,  
Sweeten life with all its cares,  
Regulate our stubborn wills,  
Save us from surrounding snares.

But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. Heb. 10:39.

**September 4. Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Jer. 33:3.**

When my pray'rs are a burden and task,  
No wonder I little receive;  
O Lord, make me willing to ask,  
Since thou art so ready to give.

Into thy hand I commit my spirit; thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. Psa. 31:5.

**September 5. The Lord will not cast off forever; but though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies. Lam. 3:31,32.**

No voice but thine can give me rest,  
And bid my fears depart;  
No love but thine can make me blest,  
And satisfy my heart.

He doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.  
Lam. 3:33.

**September 6. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes. Ezek. 36:27.**

O send thy Spirit down to write  
Thy law upon my heart,  
Nor let my tongue indulge deceit,  
Nor act the liar's part.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name; and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.  
Psa. 79:9.

**September 7. Thou, O Lord, remainest for ever; thy throne from generation to generation. Lam. 5:19.**

This God is the God we adore,  
Our faithful, unchanging friend,  
Whose love is as great as his power,  
And neither knows a measure nor end.

Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned. Lam. 5:21.

**September 8. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. Ezek. 36:26.**

Great God, create my heart anew,  
And form my spirit pure and true;  
O make me wise betimes to spy  
My danger and my remedy.

O remember not against us former iniquities; let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us. Psa. 79:8.



**September 9. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee. Isa. 54:8.**

God of my life, how good, how wise  
Thy judgments to my soul have been;  
They were but mercies in disguise,  
The painful remedies of sin:  
How different now thy ways appear,  
Most merciful when most severe.

I will say unto God, Do not condemn me: show me wherefore  
thou contendest with me. Job 10:2.

**September 10. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your souls shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you. Isa. 55:3.**

Our God will every want supply,  
And fill our hearts with peace;  
He gives by covenant and by oath  
The riches of his grace.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found; call ye upon him  
while he is near. Isa. 55:6.

**September 11. Brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall. 2 Pet. 1:10.**

Though we are feeble, Christ is strong,  
His promises are true;  
We shall be conquerors all ere long,  
And more than conquerors too.

For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into  
the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 2  
Pet. 1:11.

**September 12. The Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted. Isa. 49:13.**

All my trust on thee is stay'd,  
All my help from thee I bring:  
Cover my defenseless head  
With the shadow of thy wing.

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast  
enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me.  
Psa. 4:1.

**September 13. I the Lord am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer.  
Isa. 49:26.**

Not the labor of my hands  
Can fulfil thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears for ever flow,  
All for sin could not atone,  
Thou must save, and thou alone!

Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness, because of mine  
enemies: make thy way straight before my face. Psa. 5:8.

**September 14. The Lord God will help me, therefore shall I  
not be confounded. Isa. 50:7.**

On thy faithfulness relying,  
We may boldly meet thy foe,  
All his boasted pow'r defying  
While we come defended so;  
God will save us,  
This our enemies shall know.

Therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall  
not be ashamed. Isa. 50:7.

**September 15. He is near that justifieth me: who will contend  
with me? Isa. 50:8.**

Praise the Lamb--his love unbounded  
Is the throne of praise in heav'n;  
On his death our hopes are founded,  
For we know his life was given:  
And we trust that by his blood  
We are reconciled to God.

Let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice. Psa. 5:11.

**September 16. Behold, the Lord God will help me; who is he  
that shall condemn me? Isa. 50:9.**

Nothing in my hands I bring,  
Simply to thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress;  
Helpless look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly,  
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

Preserve me, O God; for in thee do I put my trust. Psa. 16:1.

**September 17. I, even I, am he that comforteth you. Isa. 51:12.**

Shine, Lord, and my terrors shall cease,  
The blood of atonement apply;  
And lead me to Jesus for peace,  
The Rock that is higher than I.

Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort. Psa. 119:76.

**September 18. Is Ephraim my dear son? is he a pleasant child? for since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my bowels are troubled for him: I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the Lord. Jer. 31:20.**

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God!  
He to save my soul from danger,  
Interpos'd his precious blood.

Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My Father, thou art the guide of my youth? Jer. 3:4.

**September 19. All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Isa. 52:10.**

Great God, whose universal sway  
The known and unknown worlds obey,  
Now give the kingdom to thy Son,  
Extend his power, exalt his throne.

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest. Matt. 9:38.

**September 20. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied; by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Isa. 53:11.**

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its power,  
Till all the ransom'd church of God  
Be sav'd, to sin no more.

As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Rom. 5:19.

**September 21. For a small moment have I forsaken thee, but with great mercies will I gather thee. Isa. 54:7.**

Good, when he gives, supremely good  
Nor less when he denies:  
E'en crosses from his sov'reign hand  
Are blessings in disguise.

He will not always chide, neither will he keep his anger forever.  
Psa. 103:9.

**September 22. All we like sheep have gone astray: we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isa. 53:6.**

Let us love, and sing, and wonder,  
Let us praise the Saviour's name;  
He has hush'd the law's loud thunder,  
He has quench'd mount Sinai's flame:  
He has wash'd us with his blood,  
He has brought us nigh to God.

Ye were as sheep going astray: but are now returned unto the  
Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. 1 Pet. 2:25.

**September 23. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat: yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Isa. 55:1.**

Ho, ye that pant for living streams,  
And pine away and die;  
Here you may quench your raging thirst  
With springs that never dry.

If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. John 7:37.

**September 24. All thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children. Isa. 54:13.**

Find in Christ the way of peace,  
Peace unspeakable, unknown;  
By his pain he gives you ease,  
Life, by his expiring groan:  
Rise, exalted by his fall,  
Find in Christ your all in all.

Great peace have they which love thy law. Psa. 119:165.

**September 25. To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him. Dan. 9:9.**

Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face--because we have sinned against thee. Dan. 9:8.

**September 26. Rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. 1 Pet. 4:13.**

In every pang that rends the heart,  
"The Man of sorrows" had a part;  
He sympathizes in our grief,  
And to the sufferer sends relief.

If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God on this behalf. 1 Pet. 4:16.

**September 27. He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness. Isa. 57:2.**

Lord, it is not life to live,  
If thy presence thou deny;  
Lord, if thou thy presence give,  
'Tis no longer death to die:  
Source and giver of repose,  
Singly from thy smile it flows;  
Peace and happiness are thine--  
Mine they are, if thou art mine.

I shall be satisfied when I awake, with thy likeness. Psa. 17:15.

**September 28. I have seen his ways, and will heal him; I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners. Isa. 57:18.**

Cast me not off, Almighty Lord,  
But use thy rod and not thy sword  
The cross no longer I decline,  
But save me from the curse divine.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit. Psa. 51:12.

**September 29. I will not contend forever, neither will I be always wroth; for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made. Isa. 57:16.**

My father in mercy reproves,  
Instructs me by sorrow and smart;  
The veil by correction removes,  
And shows me the ground of my heart.

For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth and smote him.  
Isa. 57:17.

**September 30. Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord; and I will heal him. Isa. 57:19.**

Give me a calm and thankful heart,  
From ev'ry murmur free;  
The blessings of thy grace impart,  
And let me live to thee.

But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest,  
whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my  
God, to the wicked. Isa. 57:20, 21.

## ***OCTOBER.***

**October 1. The Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended. Isa. 60:20.**

In those blest realms of endless day,  
The Lamb shall all our wants supply,  
And God's own hand shall wipe away  
The falling tear from every eye.

The city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine  
in it; for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light  
thereof. Rev. 21:23.

**October 2. It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. Isa. 65:24.**

Come boldly to the throne of grace,  
Where Jesus kindly pleads;  
Ours cannot be a desp'rate case  
While Jesus intercedes.

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith. Heb.  
10:22.

**October 3. Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. Isa. 62:11.**

What is it makes my Saviour stay?  
So strong, so ready to redeem?  
Not Jesus wills th' unkind delay,  
Nor casts out those that come to him:  
His grace the secret bar must move,  
Or I shall still reject his love.

He only is my rock and my salvation. Psa. 62:2.

**October 4. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. Psa. 145:18.**

He bows his gracious ear,  
We never plead in vain;  
Yet we must wait till he appear,  
And pray and pray again.

Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Psa. 25:1.

**October 5. Let your conversation be without covetousness, and be content with such things as ye have; for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Heb. 13:5.**

How well thy blessed truths agree,  
How wise and holy thy commands!  
Thy promises how firm they be,  
How firm our hope and comfort stands!

So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. Heb. 13:6.

**October 6. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. Jas. 1:5.**

If pains afflict, or wrongs oppress,  
If cares distract, or fears dismay,  
If guilt deject, if sin distress,  
The remedy's before thee--pray.

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. James 1:6.

**October 7. Israel shall be saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation. Isa. 45:17.**

A debtor to mercy alone,  
Of covenant mercy I sing;  
Nor fear, with thy righteousness on,  
My person and offering to bring.

Ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.  
Isa. 45:17.

**October 8. The mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee. Isa. 54:10.**

Let the wind blow, and billows roll,  
Hope is the anchor of any soul,  
It fastens on a land unknown,  
And moors me to my father's throne.

Hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Rom. 5:5.

**October 9. He was their Savior; in all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them. Isa. 63:8, 9.**

Come boldly to the throne of grace  
The Savior's pierced heart  
Is touched with our afflicted case  
In its most tender part.  
Come boldly to the throne of grace,  
With all your wants and fears;  
The Saviour's hand shall kindly chase  
Away the bitterest tears.

He that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of his eye. Zech. 2:8.

**October 10. I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain. Isa. 45:19.**

Ye faithful, hold the promise fast,  
To plead it boldly dare;  
Wrestling with God to prove at last  
Th'omnipotence of prayer.

I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.  
Isa. 45:19.



**October 11. Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. Rom. 4:7,8.**

Nothing but thy blood, O Jesus,  
Can relieve us from our smart,  
Nothing else from sin release us,  
Nothing else can melt the heart  
Law and terrors do but harden,  
All the while they work alone;  
But a sense of blood-bought pardon  
Soon dissolves a heart of stone.

Who [Jesus our Lord] was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. Rom. 4:25.

**October 12. In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified. Isa. 45:25.**

In thee shall Israel trust,  
And see their guilt forgiven;  
God will pronounce the sinner just,  
And take the saint to heaven.

Thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory. Psa. 3:3.

**October 13. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will save them. Psa. 145:19.**

O sinners, hear his gracious call,  
His mercy's door stands open wide;  
He has enough to fill you all,  
And none who come shall be denied.

O my God, I trust in thee; let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. Psa. 25:2.

**October 14. I will hear what God the Lord will speak; for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints. Psa. 85:8.**

Dread backsliding, scorn dissembling,  
Now salvation's near in view;  
Work it out with fear and trembling,  
'Tis your God that works in you.

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Phil. 2:12,13.

**October 15. He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds. Psa. 147:3.**

To humble souls and broken hearts,  
God with his grace is ever nigh;  
Pardon and hope his love imparts,  
When men in deep contrition lie.

They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance. Mark 2:17.

**October 16. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for He is faithful that promised. Heb. 10:23.**

When my faith is faint and sickly,  
Or when Satan wounds my mind,  
Cordials to revive me quickly,  
Healing med'cine here I find,  
To the promises I flee,  
Each affords a remedy.

Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works. Heb. 10:24.

**October 17. He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Isa. 53:5.**

Weary souls that wander wide  
From the central point of bliss,  
Turn to Jesus crucified,  
Flee to those dear wounds of his.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. 1 Pet. 2:24.

**October 18. It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn thy statutes. Psa. 119:71.**

Yes, I have found 'tis good for me  
To bear my Father's rod;  
Afflictions make me learn thy law,  
And live upon my God.

Before I was afflicted I went astray; but now have I kept thy word. Psa. 119:67.

**October 19. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. James 1:12.**

Blessed is the man, O God,  
Who stays himself on thee!  
Who waits for thy salvation, Lord,  
Shall thy salvation see.

He that endureth to the end shall be saved. Matt. 10:22.

**October 20. Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord, and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you, for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger for ever. Jer. 3:12.**

Sinners, the voice of God regard,  
'Tis mercy speaks to-day;  
He calls you by his sovereign word  
From sin's destructive way.

Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God. Jer. 3:13.

**October 21. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Pet. 3:9.**

His word of promise is my food,  
His Spirit is my guide;  
Thus is my strength daily renew'd  
And all my wants supplied.

Therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you; and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you. Isa. 30:18.

**October 22. He giveth grace unto the lowly. Prov. 3:34.**

The more glories strike mine eyes,  
The humbler I shall lie;  
Thus, while I sink, my joys shall rise  
Immeasurably high.

I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes. Job 42:6.

**October 23. Let him that glorieth, glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord, which exercise loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth; for in these things I delight, saith the Lord. Jer. 9:24.**

Nature has all its glories lost  
When brought before his throne;  
No flesh shall in his promise boast,  
But in the Lord alone.

Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches.  
Jer. 9:23.

**October 24. Thou art my refuge and my portion. Psa. 142:5.**

'Tis God that lifts our comforts high,  
Or sinks them in the grave;  
He gives, and blessed be his name!  
He takes, but what he gave.

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away. Job 1:21.

**October 25. Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we shall be called the sons of God. 1 John 3:1.**

Behold what wondrous grace  
The Father has bestow'd  
On sinners, of a mortal race,  
To call them sons of God!

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 1 John 3:2.

**October 26. The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works. Psa. 145:9.**

Creatures with all their endless race  
Thy pow'r and praise proclaim;  
But saints that taste thy richer grace,  
Delight to bless thy name.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Psa. 150:6.

**October 27. I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. John 14:3.**

Though rough and thorny be the road,  
It leads the Christian home to God;  
Then count thy present trials small,  
For heaven will make amends for all.

Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.  
Heb. 12:1, 2.

**October 28. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. Prov. 2:8.**

Make me to walk in thy commands,  
'Tis a delightful road;  
Nor let my head, or heart, or hands,  
Offend against my God.

I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart. Psa. 119:32.

**October 29. Being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:1.**

To see the law by Christ fulfilled,  
And hear his pardoning voice,  
Changes a slave into a child,  
And duty into choice.

By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Rom. 5:2.

**October 30. I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isa. 41:10.**

Jesus, how glorious is thy grace!  
When in thy name we trust,  
Our faith receives a righteousness  
That makes the sinner just.

Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. 1 John 3:10.

**October 31. I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Rom. 1:16.**

Ashamed of Jesus! yes, I may,  
When I've no guilt to wash away,  
No tear to wipe, no good to crave,  
No fears to quell, no soul to save.

Till then--nor is my boasting vain--  
Till then, I boast a Saviour slain,  
And O may this my glory be,  
That Christ is not ashamed of me.

Whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's and of the holy angels. Luke 9:26.

## **NOVEMBER.**

**November 1. Thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield. Psa. 5:12.**

O may thy Spirit guide my feet  
In ways of righteousness;  
Make every path of duty straight,  
And plain before my face.

He that walketh uprightly, walketh surely; but he that perverteth his ways shall be known. Prov. 10:9.

**November 2. Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner-stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. 1 Pet. 2:6.**

Behold the sure foundation-stone  
Which God in Zion lays,  
To build our heavenly hopes upon,  
And his eternal praise.

Unto you, therefore, which believe he is precious. 1 Pet. 2:7.

**November 3. Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God; speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem. Isa. 40:1, 2.**

Man may trouble and distress me,  
    'Twill but drive me to thy breast;  
Life with trials hard may press me,  
    Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me,  
    While thy love is left to me;  
Oh, t'were not in joy to charm me,  
    Were that joy apart from thee.

And cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. Isa. 40:2.

**November 4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. Psa. 23:6.**

The sure provisions of my God  
    Attend me all my days;  
O pray thy house be mine abode,  
    And all my work be praise.

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psa. 23:6.

**November 5. As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy towards them that fear him. Psa. 103:11.**

High as the heavens are raised  
    Above the ground we tread,  
So far the riches of his grace  
    Our highest thoughts exceed.

Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.  
Psa. 85:7.

**November 6. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Psa. 103:12.**

His power subdues our sins:  
    And his forgiving love,  
Far as the east is from the west,  
    Doth all our guilt remove.

Iniquities prevail against me; as for our transgressions thou shalt purge them away. Psa. 65:3.

**November 7. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. Rev. 21:6.**

Life, like a fountain rich and free,  
Springs from the presence of the Lord  
And in thy light our souls shall see  
The blessings promis'd in thy word.

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Prov. 4:23.

**November 8. Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst: but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. John 4:14.**

See! the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove.

Give me this water, that I thirst not. John 4:15.

**November 9. Fear not; I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. Gen. 15:1.**

God is our sun and shield,  
Our light and our defence;  
With gifts his hands are fill'd,  
We draw our blessings thence:  
He shall bestow  
On Jacob's race  
Peculiar grace  
And glory too.

He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Heb. 11:6.

**November 10. The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. Prov. 10:22.**

No; 'tis in vain to seek for bliss,  
For bliss can ne'er be found,  
Till we arrive where Jesus is,  
And tread on heavenly ground.

I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. Gen. 32:26.



**November 11. Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. 1 Tim. 4:8.**

From covetous desires set free,  
On Jesus cast thy care;  
In heaven thy better portion see,  
And let thy heart be there.

Godliness with contentment is great gain. 1 Tim. 6:6.

**November 12. The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. Psalms 34:7.**

He bids his angels pitch their tents  
Round where his children dwell;  
What ills their heavenly care prevents,  
No earthly tongue can tell.

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? Heb. 1:14.

**November 13. I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee. Jer. 31:3.**

O love divine, how sweet thou art!  
When shall I find my willing heart  
All taken up by thee?  
I thirst and faint, and die to prove  
The greatness of redeeming love,  
The love of Christ to me.

And to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge. Eph. 3:19.

**November 14. I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts: and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Jer. 31:33.**

O how I love thy holy law!  
'Tis daily my delight;  
And thence my meditations draw  
Divine advice by night.

O how I love thy law! it is my meditation all the day.  
Psa. 119:97.

**November 15. The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him, and he will show them his covenant. Psa. 25:14.**

The Lord shall make him know  
The secrets of his heart;  
The wonders of his covenant show,  
And all his love impart.

Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth; but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father, I have made known unto you.  
John 15:15.

**November 16. Thy Maker is thy husband; the Lord of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel. Isa. 54:5.**

Thou dear Redeemer, dying Lamb,  
We love to hear of thee;  
No music like thy charming name  
E'er half so sweet can be.

Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood.  
Rev. 5:9.

**November 17. The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. Rom. 16:20.**

Now let my soul arise,  
And tread the tempter down;  
My Captain leads me forth  
To conquest and a crown:  
A feeble saint shall win the day,  
Though death and hell obstruct the way.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour; whom resist steadfast in the faith. 1 Pet. 5:8,9.

**November 18. The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace. Psa. 29:11.**

The saints shall flourish in his days,  
Dressed in the robes of joy and praise  
Peace, like a river from his throne,  
Shall flow to nations yet unknown.

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace. Psa. 37:37.

**November 19. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. Rev. 21:7.**

My dear Almighty Lord,  
My Conqueror and my King,  
Thy sceptre and thy sword,  
Thy reigning grace I sing;  
Thine is the power, behold I sit  
In willing bonds beneath thy feet.

And if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. Gal. 4:7.

**November 20. As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you. Isa. 66:13.**

O that I could, with favored John,  
Recline my weary head upon  
The dear Redeemer's breast!  
From care, and sin and sorrow free  
Give me, O Lord, to find in thee  
My everlasting rest.

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort, who comforteth us in all our tribulations. 2 Cor. 1:3,4.

**November 21. The Lord taketh pleasure in his people; he will beautify the meek with salvation. Psa. 149:4.**

The Lord takes pleasure in the just,  
Whom sinners treat with scorn;  
The meek, that lie despised in dust,  
Salvation shall adorn.

They shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels. Mal. 3:17.

**November 22. This is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. 1 John 2:25.**

Nor death, nor hell, shall e'er remove  
His favorites from his breast;  
In the dear bosom of his love,  
They shall for ever rest.

This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. John 17:3.

**November 23. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power. Psalms 110:3.**

"Come to me," the Savior cries;  
"Lord, I come," my heart replies;  
"Speak the word, and it is done;  
Draw me Lord, and I shall run."

No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day. John 6:44.

**November 24. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust; his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Psalms 91:4.**

He that hath made his refuge God,  
Shall find a most secure abode;  
Shall walk all day beneath his shade,  
And there at night shall rest his head.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in him will I trust. Psalms 61:2.

**November 25. I will ransom them from the power of the grave, I will redeem them from death: O death I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction. Hosea 13:14.**

Say, Live for ever, wondrous King,  
Born to redeem and strong to save;  
Then ask the monster, Where's thy sting?  
And where's thy victory, boasting grave?

Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 1 Cor. 15:54,55.

**November 26. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Psalms 116:15.**

The graves of all his saints he blessed,  
And softened every bed;  
Where should the dying members rest  
But with the dying head?

Them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 1 Thes. 4:14.

**November 27. Our God is the God of salvation: and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death. Psalms 68:20.**

Our Savior, Advocate, and Friend,  
On thee our lives and souls depend;  
The keys of death and worlds unseen  
Firm in thy hands have ever been:  
Thy pierced hands our feet shall lead  
Safe in thy steps thro' death's dark shade.

I am he that liveth, and was dead: and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.  
Rev. 1:18.

**November 28. My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. Psalms 89:28.**

For ever shall my song record  
The truth and mercy of the Lord,  
Mercy and Truth for ever stand  
Like heaven, established by his hand.

Thou art my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.  
Psalms 89:26.

**November 29. The Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself. Psalms 4:3.**

Know that the Lord divides his saints  
From all the tribes of men beside;  
He hears the cries of penitents,  
For the dear sake of Christ that died.

The Lord will hear when I call unto him. Stand in awe and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.  
Psalms 4:3, 4.

**November 30. The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7.**

O Lord, the pilot's part perform,  
And guide and guard me thro' the storm  
Defend me from each threatening ill:  
Control the waves; say, "Peace, be still."

Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all. 2 Thess. 3:16.

## **DECEMBER.**

**December 1. The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers. 1 Pet. 3:12.**

My God, if thou art mine indeed,  
Then I have all my heart can crave;  
A present help in times of need,  
Still kind to hear, and strong to save.

But the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. 1 Pet. 3:12.

**December 2. God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? Num. 23:19.**

His very word of grace is strong  
As that which built the skies;  
The voice that rolls the stars along,  
Speaks all the promises.

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. Matt. 24:35.

**December 3. That whosoever believeth in him ['the Son of man'] should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:15.**

Sinners, believe the Savior's word,  
Trust in his mighty name and live;  
A thousand joys his lips afford,  
His hands a thousand blessings give.

He that believeth on him, is not condemned; but he that believeth not, is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. John 3:18.

**December 4. Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness. Psa. 112:4.**

His soul, well fixed upon the Lord,  
Draws heavenly courage from his word,  
Amidst the darkness light shall rise,  
To cheer his heart and bless his eyes.

Surely he shall not be moved for ever; the righteousness shall be in everlasting remembrance. Psa. 112:6.

**December 5. They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever. Dan. 12:3.**

Bright as the firmament above  
The truly wise shall shine,  
Reflecting beams of truth and love  
From Christ, their Sun divine.

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Matt. 13:43.

**December 6. The Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever. Psa. 37:28.**

When sinners fall, the righteous stand  
Preserved from every snare;  
They shall possess the promised land,  
And dwell for ever there.

Let thy loving kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.  
Psa. 40:11.

**December 7. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Psa. 37:23.**

My God, the steps of pious men  
Are ordered by thy will,  
Though they should fall, they rise again,  
Thy hand supports them still.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments, for therein do I delight. Psa. 119:35.

**December 8. In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge. Prov. 14:26.**

Fear him, ye saints, and ye shall then  
Have nothing else to fear;  
Make you his service your delight,  
Your wants shall be his care.

The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life. Prov. 14:27.

**December 9. My people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the Lord. Jer. 31:14.**

Thy presence, Lord, can cheer my heart  
Though every earthly comfort die;  
Thy smile can bid my pains depart,  
And raise my sacred pleasures high.

O satisfy us early with thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Psa. 90:14.

**December 10. Our Saviour Jesus Christ hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 2 Tim. 1:10.**

Firm as his throne his promise stands  
And he can well secure  
What I've committed to his hands  
Till the decisive hour.

I am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. 2 Tim. 1:12.

**December 11. He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it he will answer thee. Isa. 30:19.**

To God I cried when troubles rose,  
He heard me and subdued my foes;  
He did my rising fears control,  
And strength diffused through all my soul.

Quicken us and we will call upon thy name. Psa. 80:18.

**December 12. The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. Psa. 121:5.**

He will sustain our weakest powers  
With his almighty arm;  
And watch our most unguarded hours  
Against surprising harm.

My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Psa. 121:2.



**December 13. The same Lord over all, is rich unto all that call upon him. Rom. 10:12.**

O thou, from whom all goodness flows,  
I lift my heart to thee;  
In all my sorrows, conflicts, woes,  
Dear Lord, remember me.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Rom. 10:13.

**December 14. Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. Psa. 41:1.**

Blest is the man whose feelings move  
And melt with pity to the poor,  
Whose soul with sympathizing love  
Feels what his fellow saints endure.

Lord, be merciful unto me: heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee. Psa. 41:4.

**December 15. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy soul. Psa. 121:7.**

He guards thy soul, he keeps thy breath  
Where thickest dangers come;  
Go and return, secure from death,  
Till God commands thee home.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore. Psa. 121:8.

**December 16. Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. Jer. 29:13.**

With my whole heart I've sought thy face.  
O let me never stray  
From thy commands, O God of grace,  
Nor tread the sinner's way.

With my whole heart have I sought thee; O let me not wander from thy commandments. Psa. 119:10.

**December 17. As the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are shown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth from before all the nations. Isa. 61:11.**

O child of sorrow be it thine to know  
The Scripture only is the cure of woe;  
The field of promise, how it flings abroad  
It's perfume o'er the Christian's thorny road!  
The soul reposing on assured relief  
Feels herself happy amidst all her grief;  
Forgets her labors as she toils along,  
Weeps tears of joy, and bursts into song.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. Isa. 61:16.

**December 18. God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: that by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us. Heb. 6:17, 18.**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say, than to you he hath said,  
You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus. Heb. 6:19,20.

**December 19. The Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. Isa. 60:19.**

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light  
Sun of righteousness, arise,  
Triumph o'er the shades of night.  
Day-spring from on high, be near;  
Day-star in my heart appear.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us. Psal. 67:1.

**December 20. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Psa. 16:8.**

My soul would all her thoughts approve  
To his all-seeing eye;  
Nor death nor hell my hope shall move,  
While such a Friend is nigh.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. Psa. 16:9.

**December 21. I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring; and they shall spring up among the grass, as willows by the water-courses. Isa. 44:3,4.**

The Holy Spirit must reveal  
The Savior's work and worth;  
Then the hard heart begins to feel  
A new and heav'nly birth.

One shall say, I am the Lord's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the Lord, and surname himself by the name of Israel. Isa. 44:5.

**December 22. The Lord preserveth all them that love him. Psa. 145:20.**

'Tis Jesus, the first and the last,  
Whose spirit shall guide us safe home.  
We'll praise him for all that is past,  
And trust him for all that's to come.

Let all flesh bless his holy name for ever. Psa. 145:21.

**December 23. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Isa. 55:7.**

Jesus to thy wounds I fly,  
Purge my sins of deepest dye;  
Lamb of God, for sinners slain,  
Wash away my crimson stain.

Thy sins are forgiven. Luke 7:48.

**December 24. Christ died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we shall live together with him. 1 Thess. 5:10.**

When from the dust of earth I rise  
To take my mansion in the skies,  
E'en then shall this be all my plea,  
Jesus hath lived, hath died for me.

Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. Acts 7:59.

**December 25. CHRISTMAS-DAY. Unto us a child is born, unto as a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end. Isa. 9:6,7.**

Hosannah to King David's Son,  
Who reigns on a superior throne  
We bless the Prince of heavenly birth,  
Who brings salvation down to earth.  
Let every nation, every age,  
In this delightful work engage;  
Old men and babes in Zion sing  
The growing glories of her King.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will towards men. Luke 2:14.

**December 26. The Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound. Isa. 61:1.**

Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to thy bosom fly,  
While the raging billows roll,  
While the tempest still is nigh.

Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,  
Till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last.

To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Isa. 61:2,3.

**December 27. He hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. Isa. 53:12.**

Proclaim inimitable love--  
Jesus, the Lord of worlds above,  
Puts off the beams of bright array,  
And veils the God in mortal clay;  
He that distributes crowns and thrones,  
Hangs on a tree, and bleeds, and groans:  
The Prince of Life resigns his breath,  
The King of Glory bows to death.

Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea, rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Rom. 8:34.

**December 28. As the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Isa. 55:10, 11.**

As rain in meadows newly mown,  
So shall he send his influence down;  
His grace on fainting souls distills,  
Like heavenly dew on thirsty hills.

My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass. Deut. 32:2.

**December 29. The redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion, and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. Isa. 51:11.**

Cease, ye pilgrims, cease to mourn,  
Press onward to the prize;  
Soon the Saviour will return  
Triumphant in the skies:  
Yet a season, and you know  
Happy entrance shall be given;  
All your sorrows left below,  
And earth exchanged for heaven.

God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes: and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. Rev. 21:4, 5.

**December 30. Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me. Rev. 22:12.**

A few more rolling suns, at most,  
Will land me on fair Canaan's coast,  
Then I shall sing the song of grace,  
And see my Saviour face to face.

Prepare to meet thy God. Amos 4:12.

**December 31. Surely I come quickly. Rev. 22:20.**

Lo, he beckons from on high!  
Fearless to his presence fly;  
Thine the merit of his blood  
Thine the righteousness of God:  
Angels, joyful to attend,  
Hov'ring round thy pillow bend,  
Wait to catch the signal giv'n.  
And escort thee quick to heav'n.

Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Rev. 22:20.