



*Reaching out with love to create new and abundant lives in Christ
One Ministry with Many Ministries*

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Welcome

Please stand

Build Your Kingdom Here

**Come set Your rule, and reign in our__ hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,
Like wildfire in our very souls; Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.
We are Your church; we need Your pow'r in us.**

Verse 2

**We seek Your kingdom first.
We hunger and we thirst; refuse to waste our lives,
For You're our joy and prize.
To see the captives' hearts released; the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
We are Your church; we pray, revive this earth.**

Chorus

**Build Your kingdom here, let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire, win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray!**

Verse 3

**Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop Your beauty, changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this;
Awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your church; we are the hope on earth.**

Chorus

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Let's pray.

Lord Jesus, I am here because You died for me on the cross and paid for all of my sins. There is nothing now that need separate me from my Father in heaven, and I trust in You completely. I am here because You have risen from the dead and are

alive and present with me right now. You have conquered all of my enemies – sin, death, hell, the devil, as well as my old sinful self. Satan, I bind you and cast you and all the forces of darkness from me in the name of Jesus. O Holy Spirit, reveal my sins to me now.

Remain quiet and let the Lord show your sins to you. Confess the sins you already know and are burdened over and those He reveals to you now.

Lord Jesus,

all these sins I confess to You, and I lay before You my old sinful self. Cleanse me completely. Take all my guilt away. Free me from my burdens and destroy the power of sin in my life. I open my heart to You. I surrender myself to You. I receive You into my life as my Lord and Savior, renewing my baptism. Come and abide now and forever. Amen.

God has heard and answered your prayers. Your sins are all forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Rise in the power of the Holy Spirit to go forth in Jesus' name to live your life in Him alone. Live only to please God and to glorify Jesus in your life.

Thank You, Lord for cleansing me and forgiving me. Thank You for renewing my relationship with You and assuring me of my salvation. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 44:6–8

"This is what the LORD says — Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from Me there is no God. Who then is like Me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before Me what has happened since I established My ancient people, and what is yet to come — yes, let him foretell what will come. Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are My witnesses. Is there any God besides Me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

Epistle

Romans 8:18–27

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

Please stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

"The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

"'An enemy did this,' he replied.

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

"'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

Then He left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to Him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will weed out of His kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

Be seated

Children's Message

Please stand

Blessings

**We pray for blessings. We pray for peace
Comfort for family, protection while we sleep.
We pray for healing, for prosperity.
We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering.
And all the while You hear each spoken need,
Yet love is way too much to give us lesser things.**

Chorus

**'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?
What if Your healing comes through tears?
And what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near?
And what if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?**

**We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear.
And we cry in anger when we cannot feel You near.
We doubt Your goodness.
We doubt Your love, as if ev'ry promise from Your Word is not enough.
And all the while You hear each desp'rate plea,
And long that we'd have faith to believe.**

Chorus

Bridge

**When friends betray us, when darkness seems to win,
We know that pain reminds this heart that this is not,
This is not our home.**

Chorus 2

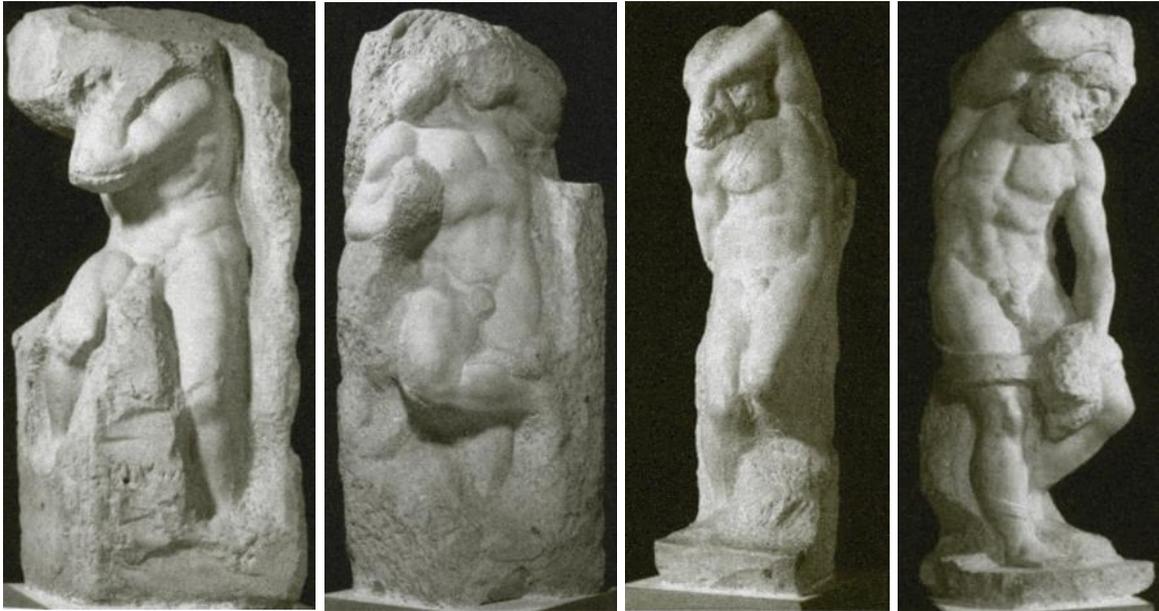
**'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?
What if Your healing comes through tears?
And what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near?
What if my greatest disappointments, or the aching of this life,
Is a revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy?
And what if trials of this life, the rain, the storms, the hardest nights,
Are Your mercies in disguise?**

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Be seated

“Holy Spirit, Our Intercessor”
Romans 8:18-27

In the highest _____ you can see the _____. In the farthest _____, you can see the _____.



Like rough _____, our present world is filled with _____.

We stand, awkwardly positioned between the _____ of this present world and the _____ yet to be revealed.

When _____ shoves you into the darkness of death, into that place where you open your eyes but you cannot see _____, _____ is there.

The _____ of _____ cries out for God's _____.

The Spirit _____ for us with _____ too deep for _____.

The Spirit also knows the _____ of God.

_____ and _____ are held together by the Spirit for us in _____.

Please stand

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Be seated

Distribution

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand!

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh;
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save;
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine --
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death --
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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Come To The Table

We all start on the outside, the outside looking in.
This is where grace begins.
We were hungry, we were thirsty, with nothing left to give.
Oh, the shape that we were in.

Pre-Chorus

**And just when all hope seemed lost,
Love opened the door for us. He said:**

Chorus

**He said: Come to the table.
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.
Take your place beside the Savior.
Sit down and be set free. Come to the table.**

Verse 2

**Come meet this motley crew of misfits, these liars and these thieves.
There's no one unwelcome here.
And that sin and shame that you've brought with you,
You can leave it at the door and let mercy draw you near.**

Chorus 2

**Come to the table. Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.
Take your place beside the Savior.
Sit down and be set free. Come to the table. Come to the table.**

Bridge

**To the thief and to the doubter, to the hero and the coward,
To the pris'ner and the soldier, to the young and to the older.
All who hunger all who thirst, all the last and all the first,
All the paupers and the princes, all who've failed you've been forgiven.
All who dream and all who suffer, all who've loved and lost another,
All the chained and all the free, all who follow, all who lead.
Anyone who's been let down, all the lost, you have been found.
All who've been labeled right or wrong, to ev'ryone who hears this song.**

Chorus 3

**Come to the table. Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.
Take your place beside the Savior.
Sit down and be set free. Sit down and be set free.
Come to the table. Come to the table.
Sit down and be set free. Come to the table.**

God, You're So Good

**Amazing love that welcomes me,
The kindness of mercy,
That bought with blood, wholeheartedly,
My soul undeserving.**

Chorus

**God, You're so good. God, You're so good,
God, You're so good, You're so good to me**

Verse 2

**Behold the cross, age to age,
And hour by hour,
The dead are raised, the sinner saved;
The work of Your power.**

Chorus twice

Bridge (twice)

**I am blessed, I am called,
I am healed, I am whole,
I am saved in Jesus' name.
Highly favored, anointed,
Filled with Your power,
For the glory of Jesus' name.**

Verse 3

**And should this life bring suffering
Lord, I will remember
What Calvary has bought for me,
Both now and forever.**

Chorus twice

Bridge

Chorus

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Please stand

Communion Response 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.**

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Prayer

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

Blessed Be Your Name

**Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.
And blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place.
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.**

Bridge & Chorus

**Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name!**

**Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name.
And blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.**

Bridge & Chorus

[Sing twice]

**You give and take away, You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say: Lord, blessed be Your name!**

Chorus [twice]

**Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name!**

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Be seated

Faith Stories

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