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Words of Welcome

Psalm 27:4-5 (ESV)

- 4 One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.
- 5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

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Scripture Reading

Proverbs 2:9-15 (ESV)

9 Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path;
10 for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;
11 discretion will watch over you, understanding will guard you,
12 delivering you from the way of evil, from men of perverted speech,
13 who forsake the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness,
14 who rejoice in doing evil and delight in the perverseness of evil,
15 men whose paths are crooked, and who are devious in their ways.

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Thunder Wondrously

Verse 1:

Fairer than every lily
In all the valleys of the Earth
Who can contain Your beauty?
Who can describe all that You're worth?

Chorus:

Oh God You are salvation
The ruler of the earth and sea
Your voice will shake the nations
And thunder wondrously

Verse 2:

Lord, you will roar from Zion
Glorious justice in Your voice
What man can stand before You?
Before You, in wonder, we rejoice!

Bridge:

Mysterious,
Marvelous, wondrous God!
My Shepherd you
Comfort me with Your staff and rod

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Verse 1:

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise His name! I'm fixed upon it
Name of God's redeeming love

Verse 2:

Hitherto Thy love has blest me;
Thou hast brought me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will lead me
Safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger,
Bought me with His precious blood.

Verse 3:

O, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above!

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Lift High the Name of Jesus

Verse 1

Lift high the name of Jesus,
Of Jesus our King.
Make known the power of His grace,
The beauty of His peace.
Remember how His mercy reached
And we cried out to Him.
He lifted us to solid ground,
To freedom from our sin.

Chorus

Oh sing my soul,
And tell all He's done,
Till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!

Verse 2

Lift high the name of Jesus,
Of Jesus our Lord.
His power in us is greater than,
Is greater than this world.
To share the reason for our hope,
To serve with love and grace,
That all who see Him shine through us
Might bring the Father praise.

Verse 3

Lift high the name of Jesus,
Of Jesus our Light.
No other name on earth can save,
Can raise a soul to life.
He opens up our eyes to see
The harvest He has grown.
We labor in His fields of grace
As He leads sinners home.

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New City Catechism

39: With What Attitude Should We Pray?

Full Answer

With love, perseverance, and gratefulness; in humble submission to God's will, knowing that, for the sake of Christ, he always hears our prayers.

Children's Answer

With love, perseverance, and gratefulness.

Scripture

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Commentary

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Before you enter into prayer, ask thy soul these questions: To what end, O my soul, art thou retired into this place? Art thou not come to discourse the Lord in prayer? Is he present; will he hear thee? Is he merciful; will he help thee? Is thy business slight; is it not concerning the welfare of thy soul? What words wilt thou use to move him to compassion? To make thy preparation complete, consider that thou art but dust and ashes, and he the great God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that clothes himself with light as with a garment; that thou art a vile sinner, he a holy God; that thou art but a poor crawling worm, he the omnipotent Creator. In all your prayers forget not to thank the Lord for his mercies. When thou prayest, rather let thy heart be without words, than thy words without a heart. Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer.

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Be Thou My Vision

Verse 1:

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Verse 2:

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Verse 3:

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and Thou only be first in my heart
High King of heaven my Treasure Thou art

Verse 4:

High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

Ending:

Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

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Sermon
The Way Who Leads Us Home

John 14:1-14 (ESV)

- 1 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.
- 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?
- 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.
- 4 And you know the way to where I am going."
- 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"
- 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- 7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."
- 8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."
- 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"
- 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.
- 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.
- 12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.
- 13 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
- 14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

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Christus Victor (Amen)

Verse 1:

O Most High, King of the ages
Great I AM, God of wonders
By the blood You have redeemed us
Led us through mighty waters
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation

Chorus 1:

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won, Hallelujah! Amen

Verse 2:

O Most High, dwelling among us
Son of man sent for sinners
By Your blood You have redeemed us
Spotless Lamb, mighty Savior
Who lived, who died, who rose victorious

Chorus 2, 3, and 4:

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won, Hallelujah!
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son, Hallelujah! Amen

Verse 3:

O Most High, King of the nations
Robed in praise, crowned with splendor
On that day who will not tremble?
When You stand Christ the Victor
Who was, and is, and is forever

Bridge:

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

Last Chorus Tag:

Sing the victory of the Lamb
Christ the Victor! Amen.
Amen

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Doxology

Verse 1:

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (ESV)

23 Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.