

We Gather Together

We gather together  
to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens  
his will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing  
now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name,  
he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us,  
our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining  
his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning  
the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, wast at our side,  
all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee,  
thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still  
our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation  
escape tribulation;  
thy name be ever praised!  
O Lord, make us free!

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 131*  
*Text: Nederlandsch Gedencklanck; trans. by Theodore*  
*Baker*  
*Music: 16th cent. Dutch melody; arr. by Edward*  
*Kremser (1838-1914)*  
*Tune: KREMSER, Meter: Irr.*

Be Thou My Vision

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.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou  
my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me,  
Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my  
heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure  
thou art.

3. Great God 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.

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 451*  
*Text: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary E. Byrne,*  
*1880-1931; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-*  
*Music: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton R.*  
*Young, 1963*  
*Tune: SLANE, Meter: 10 10,9 10*

The Lord’s Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil, For thine is the  
kingdom and the power and the  
glory forever. Amen

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all  
blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here  
below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 095*  
*Text: Thomas Ken*  
*Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois*  
*Tune: OLD 100TH, Meter: LM*

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
for our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

2. We are thine, thou dost befriend  
us,  
be the guardian of our way;  
keep thy flock, from sin defend us,  
seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Hear, O hear us when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

3. Thou hast promised to receive  
us,  
poor and sinful though we be;  
thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
grace to cleanse and power to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
We will early turn to thee.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
We will early turn to thee.

4. Early let us seek thy favor,  
early let us do thy will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior,  
with thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 381*  
*Text: Attr. to Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847*  
*Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868*  
*Tune: BRADBURY, Meter: 87.87 D*

Standing on the Promises

1. Standing on the promises of  
Christ my King,  
through eternal ages let his praises  
ring;  
glory in the highest, I will shout  
and sing,  
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:  
Standing, standing,  
standing on the promises of God  
my Savior;  
standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of  
God.

2. Standing on the promises that  
cannot fail,  
when the howling storms of doubt  
and fear assail,  
by the living Word of God I shall  
prevail,  
standing on the promises of God.  
(Refrain)

3. Standing on the promises of  
Christ the Lord,  
bound to him eternally by love's  
strong cord,  
overcoming daily with the Spirit's  
sword,  
standing on the promises of God.  
(Refrain)

4. Standing on the promises I  
cannot fall,  
listening every moment to the  
Spirit's call,  
resting in my Savior as my all in  
all,  
standing on the promises of God.  
(Refrain)

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 374*  
*Text: R. Kelso Carter, 1849-1926*  
*Music: R. Kelso Carter, 1849-1926*  
*Tune: PROMISES, Meter: 11 11.11 9 with Refrain*