

On Your Ransomed Congregation

On your ransomed congregation,
Lord, lift up your countenance;
be our help, joy and salvation;
life and health to us dispense.

Take us under your protection;
grant us to obey your voice,
simply follow your direction,
to your will resign our choice.

In each heart, O fix your dwelling;
there erect a monument
of your love, all love excelling;
there fulfill your blessed intent.

Thus may we, as your anointed,
walk with you in truth and grace
in the path you have appointed,
till we reach your dwelling place.

Sing Hallelujah Praise the Lord

Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord!
Sing with a cheerful voice;
exalt our God with one accord,
and in his name rejoice.

Ne'er cease to sing, O ransomed host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
until in realms of endless light
your praises shall unite.

There we to all eternity
shall join the angelic lays
and sing in perfect harmony
to God our Savior's praise;
he has redeemed us by his blood,
and made us kings and priests to God,
for us, for us, the Lamb was slain!
Praise ye the Lord! Amen.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of your throne,
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

New Year and Anniversaries

(Standing)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits,

Who forgives your iniquity, who heals your diseases,

Who satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

(Sitting)

Let us in penitence and humility confess our sins before the throne of grace, praying together:

God of mercy, as we mark this moment, we confess our weaknesses, failures, and transgressions:

**Our broken vows,
Our slackness and misuse of time and opportunity,
Our selfishness and our love of ease,
Our unkindness and indifference,
Our self-indulgence and our pleasures taken at the
expense of others,
Our moments when we have not been true to ourselves,
Our lack of faith in your providence.**

For these sins of commission and omission, have mercy upon us.

Lord Jesus Christ, we remember in your presence our losses and griefs, our hopes and treasures which the departing year has carried away, the disappointments we have known, the friends who are no longer with us and whose steps we shall hear no more. We pray for grace to cherish the spirit which brings good out of evil, and which prevents adversities and sorrows from embittering our hearts. Give us comfort and a deep sense of your goodness in every circumstance of life; and when, despite our good intentions, we fail, be our strength and stay.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Our Father 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.**

God will supply every need of ours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lord Jesus, you are the same yesterday, today, and forever: your throne is established in righteousness, your compassion fails not, and your love endures from generation to generation. Lift the light of your countenance upon us, for we are exiles as our ancestors were. We thank you for all the ways by which you have led us in the past. Give us courage to set our faces toward the future.

Amen.

(Standing)

Let us give thanks for all God's mercies.

For your grace given to us in days that are gone,
For the blessings of life, seen and unseen,
For the joy and peace of communion with you,

We give you thanks, gracious God.

For the sacraments of love and service which have made us conscious of your presence in our common life,
For the deeds we have been able to accomplish in the strength which you supply,
For the kindness of associates, the love of friends, and the fellowship of kindred souls,

We give you thanks, loving God.

For the disciplines which have enriched our living,
For your wisdom and gracious providence which we have recognized when you have denied our foolish requests,
For the faith which has guided us in days of trial,

We give you thanks, gracious God.

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