

Hymns and Songs - 31st July, 2022

Guide me , O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.
Feed me now and ever more.

Open Thou the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth
flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong Deliverer
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's
destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing
Of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
Help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom;
From despair Your world release,
That, redeemed from war and
hatred,
All may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and
goodness
Fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
Let it from the earth be banned;
Pride of status, race or schooling,
Dogmas that obscure Your plan.
In our common quest for justice
May we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written
Your great name on humankind;
For our growing in Your likeness
Bring the life of Christ to mind;
That by our response and service
Earth its destiny may find.

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Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;

Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find Thy promise rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without
ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place;
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Beauty for brokenness, hope for
despair,
Lord, in Your suffering world this is
our prayer:
Bread for the children, justice, joy,
peace;
Sunrise to sunset, Your kingdom
increase!

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for
their ills,
Work for the craftsman, trade for
their skills;
Land for the dispossessed, rights for
the weak,
Voices to plead the cause of those
who can't speak.

*God of the poor, friend of the weak,
Give us compassion we pray:
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like
rain;
Come, change our love from a spark
to a flame*

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from
fear,
Cities for sanctuary, freedoms to
share;
Peace to the killing-fields, scorched
earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness, His cross
for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans
and streams
Plundered and poisoned – our
future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness,
carelessness, greed;
Make us content with the things
that we need.

Lighten our darkness, breathe on
this flame
Until Your justice burns brightly
again;
Until the nations learn of Your
ways,
Seek Your salvation and bring You
their praise.

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The Lord is my light,
My light and salvation;
In God I trust,
In God I trust

Stand up! Stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross!
Lift high His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
His army He shall lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet-call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this His glorious day!
Ye that are His, now serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
Stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armour,
Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls, or danger,
Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song.
To him that overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of glory
Shall reign eternally.