

## Hymns and Songs – 20th March, 2022

**Thy kingdom come, O God,**  
thy rule, O Christ, begin;  
break with thine iron rod  
the tyrannies of sin.

Where is thy reign of peace  
and purity and love?  
when shall all hatred cease,  
as in the realms above?

When comes the promised time  
that war shall be no more,  
and lust, oppression, crime  
shall flee thy face before?

We pray thee, Lord, arise,  
and come in thy great might;  
revive our longing eyes,  
which languish for thy sight.

Men scorn thy sacred name,  
and wolves devour thy fold;  
by many deeds of shame  
we learn that love grows cold.

O'er lands both near and far  
thick darkness broodeth yet:  
arise, O morning star,  
arise, and never set.

### **Psalms 71:1-7**

1 In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust,  
let me never be put to confusion: but  
rid me and deliver me in thy  
righteousness, incline thine ear unto  
me, and save me.

2 Be thou my stronghold, whereunto  
I may always resort: thou hast  
promised to help me, for thou art my  
house of defence and my castle.

3 Deliver me, O my God, out of the  
hand of the ungodly: out of the hand  
of the unrighteous and cruel man.

4 For thou, O Lord God, art the thing  
that I long for: thou art my hope,  
even from my youth.

5 Through thee have I been holden  
up ever since I was born: thou art he  
that took me out of my mother's  
womb; my praise shall be always of  
thee.

6 I am become as it were a monster  
unto many: but my sure trust is in  
thee.

7 O let my mouth be filled with thy  
praise: that I may sing of thy glory  
and honour all the day long.

Glory be to the Father, and to the  
Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it  
was in the beginning, is now and  
ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

**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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**Father, hear the prayer we offer**  
Not for ease that prayer shall be,  
But for strength, that we may ever  
Live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures  
Do we ask our way to be:  
But by steep and rugged  
pathways  
Would we strive to climb to Thee.

Not for ever by still waters  
Would we idly quiet stay;  
But would smite the living  
fountains  
From the rocks along our way.

Be our strength in hours of  
weakness,  
In our wanderings be our Guide;  
Through endeavour, failure,  
danger,  
Father, be Thou at our side.

Let our path be bright or dreary,  
Storm or sunshine be our share;  
May our souls, in hope unwearied,  
Make Thy work our ceaseless  
prayer.

**Tell out my soul, the greatness of**  
the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my  
spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of His  
word;  
In God my Saviour shall my heart  
rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of  
His name!  
Make known His might, the deeds  
His arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age  
the same;  
His holy name – the Lord, the  
mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of  
His might!  
Powers and dominions lay their  
glory by;  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills  
are put to flight,  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted  
high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His  
word!  
Firm is his promise, and His  
mercy sure:  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of  
the Lord  
To children's children and for  
evermore!

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