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**1. If thou but suffer God to guide thee**

And hope in Him through all thy ways,  
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,  
And bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
Builds on the Rock that naught can move.

2. What can these anxious cares avail thee,  
These never-ceasing moans and sighs?  
What can it help if thou bewail thee  
O'er each dark moment as it flies?  
Our cross and trials do but press  
The heavier for our bitterness.

3. Be patient and await His leisure  
In cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure  
And His discerning love hath sent,  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known  
To Him who chose us for His own.

4. God knows full well when times of gladness  
Shall be the needful thing for thee.  
When He has tried thy soul with sadness  
And from all guile has found thee free,  
He comes to thee all unaware  
And makes thee own His loving care.

5. Nor think amid the fiery trial  
That God hath cast thee off unheard,  
That he whose hopes meet no denial  
Must surely be of God preferred.  
Time passes and much change doth bring  
And sets a bound to everything.

6. All are alike before the Highest;  
'Tis easy to our God, we know,  
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,  
To make the rich man poor and low.  
True wonders still by Him are wrought  
Who setteth up and brings to naught.

7. Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,  
Perform thy duties faithfully,  
And trust His Word, though undeserving,  
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook in need  
The soul that trusted Him indeed. Amen.

Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy  
loving-kindnesses: for they have been ever of old.  
Let not mine enemies triumph over me: God if Is-  
rael, deliver us out of all our troubles.

*Ps.* Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: O my  
God, I trust in Thee; let me not be ashamed. *Gloria  
Patri...*

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O God, who seest that of ourselves we have no  
strength, keep us both outwardly and inwardly that  
we may be defended from all adversities which may  
happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which  
may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ,  
Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, and reigneth with  
Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world with-  
out end. Amen.

LESSON: ISAIAH 45.20-25

20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near  
together, ye *that are* escaped of the nations: they  
have no knowledge that set up the wood of their  
graven image, and pray unto a god *that* cannot save.  
21 Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take  
counsel together: who hath declared this from an-  
cient time? *who* hath told it from that time? *have*  
not I the LORD? and *there is* no God else beside me; a  
just God and a Saviour; *there is* none beside me. 22  
Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the  
earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else. 23 I have  
sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth  
*in* righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me  
every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. 24  
Surely, shall *one* say, in the LORD have I right-  
eousness and strength: *even* to him shall *men* come;  
and all that are incensed against him shall be  
ashamed. 25 In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel  
be justified, and shall glory.

EPISTLE: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-8

1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren,  
and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have  
received of us how ye ought to walk and to please  
God, so ye would abound more and more. 2 For ye  
know what commandments we gave you by the  
Lord Jesus. 3 For this is the will of God, even your  
sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:  
4 That every one of you should know how to  
possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; 5  
Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gen-

tiles which know not God: 6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. 7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. 8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

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The troubles of my heart are enlarged: oh, bring Thou me out of my distresses. Look upon mine affliction and my pain: and forgive all my sins. Oh, give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can show forth His praise? Blessed are they that keep judgment: and he that doeth righteousness at all times. Remember me, O Lord, with the favor that Thou bearest unto Thy people: Oh, visit me with Thy salvation. *Christ hath humbled...*

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 15:21-28

21 Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. 23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. 24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. 26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. 27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. 28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

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### 1. When in the hour of utmost need

We know not where to look for aid;  
When days and nights of anxious thought  
Nor help nor counsel yet have brought,

2. Then this our comfort is alone,  
That we may meet before Thy throne  
And cry, O faithful God, to Thee  
For rescue from our misery;

3. To Thee may raise our hearts and eyes,  
Repenting sore with bitter sighs,  
And seek Thy pardon for our sin  
And respite from our griefs within.

4. For Thou hast promised graciously  
To hear all those who cry to Thee  
Through Him whose name alone is great,  
Our Savior and our Advocate.

5. And thus we come, O God, today  
And all our woes before Thee lay;  
For sorely tried, cast down, we stand,  
Perplexed by fears on every hand.

6. Ah! hide not for our sins Thy face,  
Absolve us through Thy boundless grace,  
Be with us in our anguish still,  
Free us at last from every ill,

7. That so with all our hearts we may  
To Thee our glad thanksgiving pay,  
Then walk obedient to Thy Word  
And now and ever praise Thee, Lord. Amen.

### # 644 Doxology

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.