

1. Aaron's Blessing

Gu'm beannachadh an Tighearna sibh,
Agus gun gleidheadh e sibh;
Gu'n tugadh an Tighearna
Air aghaidh dealrachadh oirbh,
Agus bitheadh e gràsmhor dhuibh,
Agus bitheadh e gràsmhor dhuibh,
Gun togadh suas an Tighearn' a ghnùis oirbh,
'S gun tugadh e dhaibh sìth

Colin Symes

2. Jesus stand among us

In thy risen power
Let this time of worship
Be a hallowed hour

Breathe the Holy Spirit
Into every heart
Bid the fears and sorrows
From each soul depart

Thus with quickened footsteps
We'll pursue our way
Watching for the dawning
Of eternal day.

W. Pennefather (1816-73)

3. All These Rivers

Heard a story 'bout a riverboat, made its way just north of Cairo, found a place to unload, they said "all these rivers run away, but this one keeps on running over me."

Heard a story 'bout a fishing net, pulled out into deep deep water, hard pressed this friend of mine, he said "all these rivers run away, but this one keeps on running over me."

Heard a story 'bout a little boy, had a loaf of bread a couple fish, God blessed this friend of mine, he said "all these rivers run away, but this one keeps on running over me."

Heard a story 'bout a mother dear, could not feed her family, but her food did not give way, 'til the heavens opened up its hands.

Heard a story 'bout a stone, turned into a mighty mountain, I may stumble sometimes, but I don't want it falling down on me, cuz all these rivers run

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Benjamin Tucker

4. Softly Sleeping

A yellowed photo, a scattered toy
A knot of rubble to fill this void
And I want you to know, yes I want you to know
When the town is softly sleeping
And the subtle sun is creeping to my door
I can catch your gentle laughter
And the words that tumble after – "Carry on..."

Tho' left to wonder, I'm free to breathe
A scant survivor, a last reprieve
And I want you to know, yes I want you to know
When the town is softly sleeping...
"Carry on for me, my lovely
Carry on for me, my dear
For the world is full of shadows
And the broken disappear..."

"When the mocking plumes are rising
And there's blood on the horizon, carry on.
For the reckless and the fallen
For the heroes and the wardens, carry on...
"Some may speak of near disaster,
And a force they cannot muster, carry on.
When the earth is slewed and shattered
And there's little left to salvage, carry on...
"Carry on for me, my lovely..."

When the town is softly sleeping...
Carry on, carry on, carry on...

Sarah Tyler, 2011

5. If I Rise

If I go to the heavens, you are there, you are there,
If I lie in the depths, you are there, your are there,

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If I rise, on the wings, of the dawn, you are there,
If I live, on the far side of the sea, you are there,

Surely the darkness will hide me
And the light become night around me
Even the darkness will not be dark to you
The night will shine like the day
For the darkness
Is as light
To you

Psalm 139

6. My soul waits

My soul waits for the Lord,
More than those who watch for the morning,
More than those who watch for the morning.

Out of the depths I have cried to you.
O Lord, hear my voice.
With my whole heart I want to praise you.
O Lord, hear my voice.

If you, Lord, should mark iniquities,
Who could stand, who could stand?
I will wait for the Lord.
My soul waits,
And in his word do I hope.

Based on words from Psalm 130

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7. Enrich

Enrich, Lord, heart,
Hands, mouth in me
With faith, with hope
And charity,
That I may run, rise,
Rest in Thee.

George Herbert

8. Precious

She sits upon the beach agaze
Staring out beyond the waves
Her hands uplifted as in prayer
For Love to come and meet her there
And as she sits the tears roll down
Cascading on the stony ground
Above her head a seagull's cry
Gives voice to all her pain inside

Upon a bench he tries to sleep
As winter's chilling fingers creep
Through every sinew, every bone
For years he's slept like this – alone
A cardboard blanket for his bed
An empty bottle by his head
To blot out all the memory
Of wife, and home, and dignity

**Precious, precious ones
All God's daughters, all God's sons
Precious ones are they
Don't walk on by, or turn away
Precious ones are they
Don't turn and walk away**

Along the pier, or by the sea
You'll hear him shouting endlessly
His inner demons curse and scream
Obscenities gush like a stream
He stumbles on, confused and blind
His demons follow close behind
So lost in unreality
His mind is now his enemy

At Holywell, their meeting place
She gently strokes his smiling face
A battered photo, stained with tears
The man she's loved for 50 years
The busy world just rushes by
No time to stop and question why
Too many troubles of our own
Their faces blur, their names unknown

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Anita Haigh, Jan 2012

9. Alone Together

From John the beloved to Martyn of Tours
Through Patrick and Aiden to Cuthbert and Hild
So great a gathering witness our call
And smile as we open our hearts

And though we are weary and often stressed
When loneliness strikes in our own hour of need
With so great a gathering here by our side
In covenant we shall stand

Alone together, in journey we come as those did before
Alone together, your will alive in me

In humble thanksgiving we take up the call
To carry the torch where darkness would rule
Restoring the alters and ruins of old
In walking your sacred paths

Alone together, to tear down the veil and let the light in
Alone together bring hope to a weary land

Though I cannot live put what Gods planned for you
As our lives converge let us take the same path
Encouragement be in our hearts on our lips
As we seek to serve the King

Alone together building the new on foundations of old
Alone together Your will alive in me
Alone together to tear down the walls and let the light in
Alone together bring hope to a weary land

Paul Brain

11. Cædmon's Song (West Saxon dialect version)

Nu sculon herian heofon-rices Weard,
Metodes meahta and his mod-geþanc,
Weorc Wuldor-Fæder, swa he wundra gehwæs,
Ece Dryhten, or astealde.
He ærest scop ielda bearnum

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Heofon to hrofe, halig Scieppend.
þa middan-geard mann-cynnes Weard,
Ece Dryhten, æfter teode
Firum foldan, Frea ælmihtig.

Now let us praise all heaven's mighty Lord
For His great wisdom and creating word;
The wonder-Father's wondrous works abound,
Almighty God and our Creator
First created for His children
Heaven a roof, this holy Maker;
Then middle-earth, to guard mankind,
Eternal Lord, He then provided
Men for earth, the Lord Almighty.

Colin Symes (translation)

12. I Make the Cross of Christ

I make the cross of Christ upon my breast,
over the tablet of my hard heart,
and I beseech the living God of the universe:
'May the light of lights come,
may the light of lights come
to my dark heart from thy place.
May the Spirit's wisdom come
to my heart's tablet from my Saviour'

Traditional

13. We are Community

To know that there is love, a love to conquer sin.
To know that there is hope, lights the soul within.
To know each other care, becomes reality.
Sharing all we are, we are community,
we are community.

*Together we stand, bound by our love
Held in His hand, His love to prove
To be available, in vulnerability
His rule for us, we are community,
we are community.*

Called to a way of life, commitment to a Rule
Responding to his call, prepared to be a fool
Rhythm for the day, we strive for harmony
Make time to stop and pray,

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we are community,
we are community.

Scattered through the land, we come from far and wide
Together, yet alone, yet oneness deep inside
Who is it that we seek?
We seek the Lord our God
With heart, soul, mind and strength,
we are community,
we are community.

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15. Most powerful

Most powerful Holy Spirit,
come down
upon us
and subdue us.

From heaven,
where the ordinary
is made glorious,
and glory seems
but ordinary,
bathe us
with the brilliance
of Your light
like dew.

Andy Raine (after traditional prayer)

16. Forever Grateful

God the Father Son and Spirit together Trinity
Wild Goose flying Yahweh God the only Prince of Peace
Together we will magnify Your name
Forever grateful I will be
Forever grateful I will be

You alone our shield and shelter a calm place in a storm
Our rock and fortress guide and strength our courage and a friend
Together we will magnify Your name
Forever grateful You took my blame
Forever grateful You took my blame

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Lord You are my souls provider You know my every need
You see my life laid out before You I'll follow as You lead
And I will tell of that you have done
Forever grateful my heart You've won
Forever grateful my heart You've won

The Lord is near to broken-hearted
And frees the prisoned soul
Hears their cries in darkened lands
And stands beside them all
No one who loves the Lord will be condemned
Forever grateful love without end
Forever grateful love without end

There's always hope in the Fathers eyes
There's always love in the Fathers heart

Paul Brain

17. Avondlicht

Zonlicht weggegeven (nog heel even)
Ver weg hangt een nevel
Tussen jou en mij
Maar het spreken
Wordt vergeven
In het avondlicht

Als een stem in schorre nachten die ons vrede sticht
Die golven binnen in ons van hun kracht verlicht (ontwricht)
Zij zwichten nu (hier) (toch)
al slaan zij hoog
Hun kracht verstilt
in de kalmte van het avondlicht

Weilanden vernachten
Geluid versmalt een lachen tot
vrede van geluid
Storm van spreken
Vergeven (onbegrijpelijk)
in het avondlicht

Verspreidt me in een land van wijder vergezicht
Verjaagt de mist, onthult wat puur beleven is
Verzacht herinnering
Vervreemding blind
Verkoelend drink ik van het

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avondlicht

De dag beweegt slechts in haar ouderdom
Bewaakt ons voor het woelen van de ochtend zegt zij:
Stil maar stil maar
tijd voor de tijd om stil te staan

Als het duister dreigt te grijpen en ons kwaad bericht
Valt de stilte als een deken als een tegenwicht
Hearhaalt zij (verhaalt, verhult zij)
De dag voorbij
De morgen komt
Rustig wachten in het avondlicht

Sunlight given away
Mist hanging far away
between you and me
but speaking
is forgiven
in evening light

As a voice in hoarse nights, building peace to us
destructing the strength of waves within us
they give in
even if they reach heights
Their strength stills
in the calm of evening light

Fields find the night
Sound narrows down laughter
to a peace of sound
Storm of speaking
Forgiven
in evening light

Spreading me out over a country of wide perspective
chasing the mist, reveals pure experience
soften memory
alienation is blind
cooling down
I drink
evening light

The day only moves being elderly
guarding us for the tumult of tomorrow
she says: Still, be still
time for time
to stand still

When darkness threatens to grab us, to announce us evil

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silence falls as a blanket, as counterweight
she repeats
the day has gone
the morning comes
waiting restfully
in the evening light

Kerst Silkkema

18. Columba's Blessing

See that you be at peace
Among yourselves, my children,
And love one another.
Follow the example of good ones of old,
And God will comfort you and help you,
Both in this world and in the world which is to come.

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St Columba

19. Thank you, Lord

Thank you Lord for giving us life, thank you Lord x2
Thank you Lord for giving us homes, thank you Lord x2

'Cause you're my great big dad in the sky
You pick me up when I cry
You'll never let me down,
'Cause you're the God of everything.

Thank you Lord, for giving us friends, thank you Lord x2
Thank you Lord for giving us love, thank you Lord x2
'Cause you're my great big dad....

Thom Hay