

Song 1

Oh how good it is when the family of God
Dwells together in spirit - In faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace,
Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence -
Here among us.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people*

Oh how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength
The afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing of belonging.
So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord

Oh how good it is to embrace His command
To prefer one another Forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father And the Spirit.
So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord ...

Song 2

When we walk with the Lord

In the light of His word
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey
*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.*

Not a shadow can rise,
Not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away!
Not a doubt nor a fear, Not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.
Trust and obey,

Not a burden we bear, Not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, Not a frown nor a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey.
Trust and obey,

But we never can prove
The delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favour He shows,
And the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey,

Then in fellowship sweet We will sit at His feet.
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do,
Where He sends we will go -
Never fear, only trust and obey
*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey*

Song 3

Praise is rising - eyes are turning to You
we turn to You
Hope is stirring hearts are yearning for You
we long for You
'cause when we see You
we find strength to face the day
In Your presence
all our fears are washed away
washed away
Hosanna, hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, hosanna,
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You
we turn to you
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new
You make all things new
'cause when we see You
we find strength to face the day
In Your presence
all our fears are washed away - washed away
Hosanna, hosanna
(repeat last two lines twice)

Song 4

Blest are the pure in heart
For they shall see our God
The secret of the Lord is theirs
Their soul is Christ's abode

The Lord who left the heavens
Our life and peace to bring
To dwell in lowliness with men
Their pattern and their King

Still to the lowly soul He doth Himself impart
And for His dwelling and His throne
Chooseth the pure in heart

Lord we Thy presence seek
May ours this blessing be
Give us a pure and lowly heart
A temple meet for Thee.

Song 5

Let Your living water flow over my soul,
 Let Your Holy Spirit come and take control,
 Of every situation that has troubled my mind,
 All my cares and burdens on to You I roll.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
 Father, Father, Father.

Spirit, Spirit, Spirit. (repeat verse)

Come now Holy Spirit and take control,
 Hold me in Your loving arms
 and make me whole,
 Wipe away all doubt and fear
 and take my pride,
 Draw me to Your love
 and keep me by Your side.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
 Father, Father, Father.

Spirit, Spirit, Spirit.

Give your life to Jesus, let Him fill your soul,
 Let Him take you in His arms
 and make you whole,
 As you give your life to Him, He'll set you free,
 You will live and reign with Him eternally.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
 Father, Father, Father.

Spirit, Spirit, Spirit.

Let Your living water flow over my soul,
 Let Your Holy Spirit come and take control,
 Of every situation that has troubled my mind,
 All my cares and burdens on to You I roll

Song 6 **Count your blessings**

When upon life's billows
 you are tempest tossed
 When you are discouraged
 thinking all is lost
 Count your many blessings
 name them one by one
 And it will surprise you
 what the Lord hath done.

*Count your blessings name them one by one
 Count your blessings see what God hath done
 Count your blessings name them one by one;
 And it will surprise you
 what the Lord hath done*

Are you ever burdened with a load of care
 Does the cross seem heavy
 you are called to bear
 Count your many blessings every doubt will fly
 And you will be singing as the days go by

Count your blessings

When you look at others
 with their lands and gold

Think that Christ has promised you
 His wealth untold
 Count your many blessings
 wealth can never buy
 Your reward in heaven nor your home on high.

*Count your blessings name them one by one
 Count your blessings see what God hath done
 Count your blessings name them one by one;
 And it will surprise you
 what the Lord hath done*

So amid the conflict whether great or small
 Do not be disheartened God is over all
 Count your many blessings angels will attend
 Help and comfort give you
 to your journey's end

Count your blessings

Song 7

O Jesus I have promised
 To serve Thee to the end
 Be Thou for ever near me
 My Master and my Friend
 I shall not fear the battle
 If Thou art by my side
 Nor wander from the pathway
 If Thou wilt be my guide
 O let me feel Thee near me
 The world is ever near
 I see the sights that dazzle
 The tempting sounds I hear
 My foes are ever near me
 Around me and within
 But Jesus draw Thou nearer
 And shield my soul from sin

O let me hear Thee speaking
 In accents clear and still
 Above the storms of passion
 The murmurs of self-will
 O speak to reassure me
 To hasten or control
 O speak and make me listen
 Thou guardian of my soul

O Jesus Thou hast promised
 To all who follow Thee
 That where Thou art in glory
 There shall Thy servant be
 And Jesus I have promised
 To serve Thee to the end
 O give me grace to follow
 My Master and my Friend.

A Prayer of personal commitment before God

As I stand before you now Lord;

I choose love. No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.

I choose joy. I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance. I will refuse the temptation to be cynical, the tool of the lazy thinker. I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings, created by God. I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God.

I choose peace. I will live forgiven. I will forgive so that I may live.

I choose patience. I will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Instead of cursing the one who takes my place, I'll invite Him to do so. Rather than complain that the wait is too long, I will thank God for a moment to pray. Instead of clinching my fist at new assignments, I will face them with joy and courage.

I choose kindness. I will be kind to the poor, for they are alone. Kind to the rich, for they are afraid. And kind to the unkind, for such is how God has treated me.

I choose goodness. I will go without a pound before I take a dishonest one. I will be overlooked before I will boast. I will confess before I will accuse. I choose goodness.

I choose faithfulness. Today I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust. My associates will not question my word. Those dearest to me will not question my love.

I choose gentleness. Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice, may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

I choose self-control. I am a spiritual being. After this body is dead, my spirit will soar. I refuse to let what will rot, rule the eternal. I choose self-control. I will be drunk only by joy. I will be impassioned only by my faith. I will be influenced only by God. I will be taught only by Christ. I choose self-control

**O Jesus I have promised to serve Thee to the end. Be Thou for ever near me
My Master and my Friend. Amen**

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 3-12)

Jesus said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”