

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

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Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided -
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

***God Welcomes His People**

Revelation 1:4

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 3

Congregational Prayer

Almighty and all wise God our heavenly Father! 'Tis once more and again that a few of Your beloved children are gathered together to call upon Your holy name. We bow at Your footstool of mercy, Master, to thank You for our

spared lives. We thank You that we were able to get up this morning clothed in our right mind, for Master, since we last met here, many have been snatched out of the land of the living and hurled into eternity. But through Your goodness and mercy we have been spared to assemble ourselves here once more to call upon a Captain who never lost a battle.

O, throw round us Your strong arms of protection. Bind us together in love and union. Build us up where we are torn down and strengthen us where we are weak. O Lord! Take the lead of our minds, place them on heaven and on heavenly divine things. O God, our Captain and King! Search our hearts and if You find anything there contrary to Your divine will, just move it from us Master, as far as the east is from the west.

Now Lord, You know our hearts, You know our heart's desire. You know our down-setting and our up-rising. Lord You know all about us because You made us. Lord! Lord! One more kind favor I ask of you. Remember the man that is to stand in the gateway and proclaim Your Holy Word this morning. O, stand by him. Strengthen him where he is weak and build him up where he is torn down. Oh, let him down into the deep treasures of your Word.

And now, O Lord, when this Your humble servant is done down here in this low land of sorrow; done sitting down and getting up; done being called everything but a child of God; O, when I am done, done, done, and this old world can afford me a home no longer, right soon in the morning, Lord, right soon in the morning, meet me down at the River Jordan, bid the waters to be still, tuck

my little soul away in that snow-white chariot, and bear it away over yonder in the third heaven where every day will be Sunday and my sorrows of this old world will have an end.

This is my prayer for Christ my Redeemer's sake and Amen and thank God.

–Classic African-American Folk Prayer

***Hymn 649**

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

More love to Thee, O Christ,
More love to Thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make
On bended knee;
This is my earnest plea,
More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved,
Sought peace and rest;
Now Thee alone I seek;
Give what is best:
This all my prayer shall be,
More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!

Let sorrow do its work,
Send grief and pain;
Sweet are thy messengers,

Sweet their refrain,
When they can sing with me,
More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!

Then shall my latest breath
Whisper Thy praise;
This be the parting cry
My heart shall raise,
This still its prayer shall be,
More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!

New Testament Reading

Acts 12:1-6

Message

“HOW TO PRAY ON THE RUN”

***Hymn 693**

“Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain

***God Blesses His People** 2 Corinthians 13:14

***Hymn 734** “Gloria Patri”

“HOW TO PRAY ON THE RUN”

Psalm 3

“TELL YOUR STORM HOW BIG GOD IS.” Heb 12:2; 7:25.

I. CHASTISED DAVID COUNTS ON GOD’S MERCY

A. David is Being Chastised for His Sins

2 Sam 15-18. 2 Sam 12:10-12; 13:29, 37; 14:24. Mark
15:13-14.

B. Even the Chastised Can Count on God’s Mercy

Heb 4:14-16. J. C Penney.

II. DAVID’S REPOSE IN GOD IS REWARDED WITH SLEEP

A. This is a Particular Moment of Surrender to God

Acts 12:6. 2 Sam 15:25. Heb 5:7. 2nd Chapter of Acts.
“Selah”

B. God Sustains Him Through the Night

“...We thank Thee Lord that we arose this morning, and
that our bed was not a cooling board, and our sheet was
not a winding shroud.”

C. You Can Have the Same Confidence in God

John 21:18-19; Acts 12. Wesley: “Until my work on this
earth is done, I am immortal. But when my work for
Christ is done ... I go to be with Jesus.”

III. PRAYER GIVES PEACE BUT THE VICTORY AWAITS

A. David Does More Than Just Pray This One Prayer

2 Sam 15:32-37; 17:21-22; 18:1ff; 15:31.

B. God Has More to Do Yet

The verbs in verse 7 are in the past. But Psalms often
use past tense verbs to refer to future events. He is so
confident that God will come through for him that he
speaks as if it has already happened.

Conclusion

Duties of the Church Member to the Church

by Dr. Thomas Murphy, D.D. (1823-1900)

“I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless,”
(Genesis 17:1).



How should church members
be involved in their local assembly?

Duty 1: To Pray For The Church.

Duty 2: To Attend Church.

Duty 3: To Support The Church.

Duty 4: To Draw Others To The Church.

Duty 5: To Study The Peace Of The Church.

Duty 6: To Guard The Good Name Of The Church.

Duty 7: To Stand By The Pastor Of The Church.

Duty 8: To Contribute To The Benevolent Objects Of The
Church.

Duty 9: To Adopt Some Branch Of Church Work.

Duty 10: To Help In The Sabbath School Of The Church.

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The Sabbath school is the activity of the Church exerted in the department of Bible study and teaching, and especially among the young. It is the plan which the wisdom and piety of the Church, under the guidance of Christ, who is ever with her, have wrought out through generations for the purpose of bring-ing the children and youth to the salvation of Christ, of indoctrinating them in the principles of the gospel, and of training them in habits of benevolence. It is a field of Christian enterprise on which God's blessing has most signally rested from the beginning.

The work in the Sabbath school is an easy one, inasmuch as there is no difficulty in understanding exactly what is to be done. There is no branch of Christian effort that will pay more certainly, more quickly and more abundantly, and the results of which will extend so far in both time and space. All can do something here, so that it is a field ready for the hand of every one. It is the best known method of reaching abroad after the outlying masses of society and bringing them from utter disregard of divine things into the saving power of the gospel. According as its mission is successful, it is training the rising generation in that path of virtue and godliness of which salvation is the crown. The young are its chief aim; and when it saves them, it gets them to devote their whole lives, with the bloom of their youth, to the glory of their Master.

A Muse so noble as this may surely claim the cooperation of every member of the Church. All should become connected in some way with it, either as officers, teachers, missionaries to gather in neglected children, or as members of its classes.

The aim should be kept before him by every member of the Church that not a youth or child in the whole community shall be left without the Sabbath school. Means should be furnished by which its comfort and success will be secured. Prayer should go up daily from every heart that the blessing of God may rest upon it. Upon each member of the Church it is enjoined most emphatically: Go into the Sabbath school and take a class if there be one needing you; if not, go out and gather a class for yourself; if that cannot be done, then fill the place of some teacher who is necessarily absent for the day; and if that is not needed, then go into some adult class and both give and receive benefit by your presence. If you postpone enlisting in the Sabbath school, you will become more and more indifferent to it, and then the children whom you might have blessed may either depart from its classes or pass away from earth while you delay.

Oh, be prompt, PROMPT, PROMPT! for the work is great and souls are perishing.