DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND

Hymn Devotion- June 21

Scripture - Matthew 6:9-13.

I Kings 19:11-12

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways;  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives Thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word,  
Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love!

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and Thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

The biggest problem today is taking the time to listen for God’s still, small voice - we pray either with no expectations or with the need to hear a mighty rushing voice - it is usually the still small whisper - the unexplained thought that convicts us into action. Pray, read, study but most of all listen for God to speak.

1. How is God addressed?

2. What need to be forgiven?

3. How do we want to be?

4. What three things do we want in Thy service find?

5. Verse 2: What did those beside the Syrian Sea (Sea of Galilee) have?

6. How was their call described?

7. What should we ask them do without a word?

8. Verse 3: How are the Sabbath and the hills above described?

9. What did Jesus do on the Sabbath with the disciples?

10. What did Jesus share with them?

How was their time interpreted or defined?

11. Verse 4: What are we asking God to drop?

Until when?

12. What do we want removed from our souls?

13. What do we need to break free from?

14. What do we want to obtain?

15. Verse 5: A definition of breathe is take a breath, pause. Heats are feverish, frantic lifestyle

What do we need to take a breath and pause thru?

16. What do we want to breathe in?

17. Dumb not in stupid but in silent and retire as in rest.

What “state” should we be in?

18. What can be going on around us?

19. What should we listen for?

JUST AS I AM

Hymn Devotion -June 22

Scripture - John 6:35-38

John 1:29

Just as I am, without one plea,

But that Thy blood was shed for me,

And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee,

O Lamb of God I come! I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not

To rid my soul of one dark blot,

To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,

O Lamb of God I come! I come!

Just as I am, tho’ tossed about,

Many a conflict, many a doubt,

Fightings within, and fear without,

O Lamb of God I come! I come!

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind,

Sight, riches, healing of the mind,

Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,

O Lamb of God I come! I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,

Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;

Because Thy promise I believe,

O Lamb of God I come! I come!

Charlotte Elliot (1789-1871)

Life will change but accepting Jesus will not make us rich, financially or keep us from famine or disease but we will have Jesus in our hearts to help us. Matthew 11:28-30. Lighten your burden today, give it to Jesus - seek His face, His forgiveness - start a new life!

If you know Jesus as your Savior - renew your commitment to Him - no more arguments or excuses - just listen and obey!

1. How can we come to the Lord?

2. A definition of plea is argument or excuse. How many pleas or excuses?

3. How can we do this?

4. What does Jesus even do?

5. A definition of come is to move, nearer. Lamb of God often refers to the sacrificial Lamb of the Jewish people - Jesus our Sacrifice for our sins. With these definitions what would your “rewrite” be?

6. Verse 2: What will we not do?

7. What do we want to do?

8. What can Christ’s blood do?

9. Verse 3: What does Satan do to us?

10. What do we have?

11. Where are we fighting?

12. What is without?

13. Verse 4: What is our state before Jesus?

14. What are received with Christ?

15. Who has all we need?

16. Verse 5: What will Jesus do?

17. Upon receiving he will do what four things?

18. What is our part in this?

ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

Hymn Devotion - June 23

Scripture - Psalm 100:1-4.

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
Without our aid He did us make;  
We are His flock, He doth us feed,  
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise;  
Approach with joy His courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom Heaven and earth adore,  
From earth and from the angel host  
Be praise and glory evermore.

William Kethe (died 1593)

The three parts of God - the Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit - THE God whom heaven and earth adore from earth - humankind and the hosts of angels - be praise and glory evermore - forever!

We so many times think that God needs our help but He created man - human beings - without need of our help in anyway, He did not abandon us He feeds us and we are a part of His flock - He will take us in if we allow Him to do so and why wouldn’t we - He is good, merciful, truthful and all of this will endure forever!

Praise and Glory to God for evermore!!

1. Who are covered in the first line?

2. What are we to do?

3. How are we to serve Him?

4. Forth is to tell onward - keep telling.

What are we to keep telling?

5. What are we to do before Him?

6. Verse 2: Who is the Lord?

7. What did He do without our aid or help?

8. What are we part of?

9. What does He do for us?

10. What is He willing to take us as?

11. Verse 3: How are we to enter His gates?

12. How are we to approach His courts?

13. Some synonyms of laud are honor, glorify, exult.

What three things are we to do to His name always?

14. Why?

15. Verse 4: List all the “For Why’s” in this verse:

16. Verse 5: Who are the God that heaven and earth adore?

17. Who are doing the praise?

18. What will be evermore?

PRAISE THE LORD! YE HEAVENS ADORE HIM

Hymn Devotion- June 24

Scripture - Psalm 148:1-6.

Praise the Lord: ye heavens, adore Him;  
Praise Him, angels in the height.  
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;  
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.  
Praise the Lord, for He hath spoken;  
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed.  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance He hath made.

Praise the Lord, for He is glorious;  
Never shall His promise fail.  
God hath made His saints victorious;  
Sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation;  
Hosts on high, His power proclaim.  
Heaven and earth and all creation,  
Laud and magnify His Name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing,  
Lord, we offer unto Thee.  
Young and old, Thy praise expressing,  
In glad homage bend the knee.  
All the saints in heaven adore Thee;  
We would bow before Thy throne.  
As Thine angels serve before Thee,  
So on earth Thy will be done.

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Stanza 3, Edward Osler (1798-1863)

We are so blessed to have an orderly world, it would be hard to live if we never knew when or if the sun was going to come up or if gravity would fail at some time, if the oceans would suddenly not stop at their shores and flood the whole earth. God guides nature and He will guide us safely to heaven if we only believe in Him and trust Him as our Savior - His promises never fail!

1. To praise is to glorify God in words. Adore worship as divine.

Who are to adore Him?

2. Who are to praise Him in the height?

3. What rejoices before him?

4. What are to praise Him because of their light?

5. Why should all things praise the Lord?

6. What has obeyed His mighty voice?

7. What “laws” shall never be broken?

8. Who is He guiding in this verse?

9. Verse 2: Why should we praise the Lord?

10. What shall never fail?

11. Who has God made victorious?

12. What will not prevail?

13. What is He the God of?

14. Who proclaim His power?

15. Who are to laud, praise or a hymn of praise - and magnify His name?

16. Verse 3: What are we to offer to the Lord?

17. Who are expressing praise?

18. How are we to bend the knee?

19. Who adore God?

20. What should we do as those in heaven?

21. What should be done on earth as the angels serve Thee?

ANCIENT OF DAYS

Hymn Devotion- June 25

Scripture - Daniel 7:9-10.

Ancient of Days, who sittest throned in glory,  
To Thee all knees are bent, all voices pray;  
Thy love has blessed the wide world’s wondrous story  
With light and life since Eden’s dawning day.

O Holy Father, who hadst led Thy children  
In all the ages, with the fire and cloud,  
Through seas dry shod, through weary wastes bewildering;  
To Thee, in reverent love, our hearts are bowed.

O Holy Jesus, Prince of Peace and Savior,  
To Thee we owe the peace that still prevails,  
Stilling the rude wills of men’s wild behavior,  
And calming passion’s fierce and stormy gales.

O Holy Ghost, the Lord and the Life giver,  
Thine is the quickening power that gives increase;  
From Thee have flowed, as from a pleasant river,  
Our plenty, wealth, prosperity and peace.

O Triune God, with heart and voice adoring,   
Praise we the goodness that doth crown our days;   
Pray we that Thou wilt hear us, still imploring  
Thy love and favor kept to us always.

William Croswell Doane (1832-1913)

All of this is brought together in the Triune God, whom we praise for crowning - rewarding or fulfilling our days with goodness. We pray, that God will hear our prayers as we still implore, or earnestly beg for His love and favor, His grace to be kept with us always.

We have a Father that looks after us physically, Jesus died for us giving us forgiveness and a peace within, keeping our rude wills at bay and from the Holy Ghost, like a pleasant, satisfying river that keeps us supplied with love and grace to keep our faith, our hope alive and vital so we can have fellowship with God and others and peace to sustain us.

1. What is the name for God here?

2. What two things are done here to God?

3. What is the wide world’s wondrous story?

4. What has God’s love blessed the world with since the dawn of time?

5. Verse 2: How is God described here?

6. What has He led His children with?

How long?

7. Where were they led?

8. How are our hearts bowed to God?

9. Verse 3: How is Jesus described here?

10. What do we owe to Jesus?

11. What does this peace still and calm?

12. Verse 4: How is the Holy Ghost described here?

13. What does the Holy Ghost do?

14. What has flowed from the Holy Ghost like a pleasant river?

15. Verse 5: What does the Father, Jesus (Son) and Holy Ghost equal?

16. What are adoring God?

17. Some synonyms of crown are fulfill, reward. What are we praising God for?

18. What is the prayer here?

19. What are we imploring - beg earnestly for - to be kept to us always?