

PASTORAL PRAYER

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This morning, O God, we use sentences and verses from familiar hymns to lift to thee the concerns of our hearts in these moments of prayer. May these words reflect our honest, inner thoughts and desires.

"Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!

That ~~me~~ calls me from a world of care,  
And bids me at my Father's throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known:"

(from v.1, #302, The Methodist Hymnal).

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall  
rise to Thee;

Holy, Holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.  
(v. 1, # 1, Ibid.)

"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.

"This morning, O God, we use sentences and verses from familiar hymns to lift to thee the concerns of our hearts in these moments of prayer. Let these words reflect our honest, inner thoughts and desires.

"Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!"

Thine calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne  
"Take all my wants and wishes now."  
(from v. 1, 1902, the Methodist hymnal).

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,  
early in the morning our song shall  
rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity  
(v. 1, 1912, the Methodist hymnal).

"Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind,  
sighing, sighing, longing for the mind-  
yes, 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!"

(v. 4 & 5, # 198, Ibid.)

"May Thy gospel's joyful sound  
Conquer sinners, comfort saints;  
Make the fruits of grace abound,  
Bring relief for all complaints;"

(from v. 1, # 393, Ibid)

"From ease and plenty save us,  
From pride of place absolve;

Purge us of low desire;

Lift us to high resolve;

Take us, and make us holy;

Teach us thy will and way;

Speak, and behold, we answer;

Command, and we obey."

(v. 4, # 454, Ibid).

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

Just as I am! Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse,  
rejoice;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come!"  
(v. 4 & 5, W. 198, Ibis.)

May thy gospel's joyful sound  
Conquer sinners, comfort sinners;  
Make the fruits of grace abound,  
Bring relief for all complaints;  
(from v. 1, W. 393, Ibis.)

"From ease and plenty save us,  
From pride of place absolve;  
Turn us of low degree;  
Lift us to righteousness;  
Take us, and make us holy;  
Teach us thy will and way;  
Speak, and behold, we answer;  
Command, and we obey."  
(v. 4, W. 434, Ibis.)

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.