

### **1 – Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word**

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We are gathered all to hear Thee;  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
Now to seek and love and fear Thee,  
By Thy teachings, sweet and holy,  
Drawn from earth to love Thee solely.

2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
Till Thy Spirit breaks our night  
With the beams of truth unclouded.  
Thou alone to God canst win us;  
Thou must work all good within us.

3. Glorious Lord, Thyself impart,  
Light of Light, from God proceeding;  
Open Thou our ears and heart,  
Help us by Thy Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry Thy people raises,  
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

4. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Praise to Thee and adoration!  
Grant that we Thy Word may trust,  
And obtain true consolation  
While we here below must wander,  
Till we sing Thy praises yonder.

### **257 – When in the Hour of Utmost Need**

1. When in the hour of utmost need  
We know not where to look for aid;  
When days and nights of anxious thought  
Nor help nor counsel yet have brought,

2. Then this our comfort is alone:  
That we may meet before Thy throne  
And cry, O faithful God, to Thee  
For rescue from our misery;

3. To Thee may raise our hearts and eyes  
Repenting sore with bitter sighs,  
And seek Thy pardon for our sin  
And respite from our griefs within.

4. For Thou hast promised graciously

To hear all those who cry to Thee  
Through Him whose name alone is great,  
Our Savior and our Advocate.

5. And thus we come, O God, today  
And all our woes before Thee lay;  
For sorely tried, cast down, we stand,  
Perplexed by fears on ev'ry hand.

6. Ah! Hide not for our sins Thy face,  
Absolve us through Thy boundless grace;  
Be with us in our anguish still;  
Free us at last from ev'ry ill

7. That so with all our hearts we may  
To Thee our glad thanksgiving pay,  
Then walk obedient to Thy Word,  
And now and ever praise Thee, Lord.

### **328 – Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness**

1. Soul, adorn thyself with gladness,  
Leave behind all gloom and sadness.  
Come into the daylight's splendor;  
There with joy thy praises render  
Unto Him whose grace unbounded  
Hath this wondrous Supper founded.  
High o'er all the heav'ns He reigneth,  
Yet to dwell with thee He deigneth.

2. Hasten as a bride to meet Him,  
And with loving rev'rence greet Him,  
For with words of life immortal  
Now He knocketh at thy portal.  
Haste to ope the gates before Him,  
Saying, while thou dost adore Him:  
Suffer, Lord, that I receive Thee,  
And I nevermore will leave Thee.

3. He who craves a precious treasure  
Neither cost nor pain will measure,  
But the priceless gifts of heaven  
God to us hath freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,  
Naught would buy the gifts here offered:

Christ's true body, for thee riven,  
And His blood, for thee once given.

4. Ah, how hungers all my spirit  
For the love I do not merit!  
Oft have I, with sighs fast thronging,  
Thought upon this food with longing,  
In the battle well-nigh worsted,  
For this cup of life have thirsted.  
For the Friend who here invites us  
And to God Himself unites us.

5. In my heart I find ascending  
Holy awe, with rapture blending,  
As this mystery I ponder,  
Filling all my soul with wonder,  
Bearing witness at this hour  
Of the greatness of God's power;  
Far beyond all human telling  
Is the pow'r within Him dwelling.

6. Human reason, though it ponder,  
Cannot fathom this great wonder,  
That Christ's body e'er remaineth  
Though it countless souls sustaineth,  
And that He His blood is giving  
With the wine we are receiving.  
These great mysteries unsounded  
Are by God alone expounded.

7. Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor,  
Jesus, Thou my Friend most tender,  
Jesus, Joy of my desiring,  
Fount of life, my soul inspiring—  
At Thy feet I cry, my Maker:  
Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven  
For our good, Thy glory, given.

8. Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
Thou hast left Thy throne in heaven  
On the cross for me to languish  
And to die in bitter anguish,  
To forego all joy and gladness  
And to shed Thy blood in sadness.

By this blood redeemed and living,  
Lord, I praise Thee with thanksgiving.

9. Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee,  
Let me gladly here obey Thee.  
By Thy love I am invited;  
Be Thy love with love requited.  
From this Supper let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gifts Thou here dost give me  
As Thy guest in heav'n receive me.

### **258 – Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest**

1. Lord Jesus Christ,  
My Savior blest,  
My Hope and my Salvation!  
I trust in Thee;  
Deliver me  
From misery;  
Thy Word's my consolation.

5. When sorrows rise,  
My refuge lies  
In Thy compassion tender.  
Within Thine arm  
Can naught alarm;  
Keep me from harm,  
Be Thou my strong Defender.

6. I have Thy Word,  
Christ Jesus, Lord;  
Thou never wilt forsake me.  
This will I plead  
In time of need.  
O help with speed,  
When troubles overtake me!

7. Grant, Lord, we pray,  
Thy grace each day,  
That we, Thy law revering,  
May live with Thee,  
And happy be  
Eternally,  
Before Thy throne appearing.

