



# PRAISING THE FATHER FOR LIFE AND ADOPTION

## Scripture for Meditation: *Psalm 68:5*

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

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## Hymn of Life: *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,  
Who formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes Thy glories known,  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;  
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God art present there.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

## Hymn of Praise: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
To His feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who, like me, His praise should sing?  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting king!

Praise Him for His grace and favor  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him, still the same forever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in His faithfulness!

Father-like he tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He knows,  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Music: Traditional, American, Southern Harmony, 1835

**Prayer of Corporate Confession**

**Silence for Personal Confession**

## Responsive Assurance of Pardon: *Ephesians 1:3-6; Galatians 4:4-7; Romans 8:15, 22, 23*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

**to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.**

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying,

**“Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.**

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry,

**“Abba! Father!” . . . For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.**

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## Victory Hymn of Pardon: *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

Arise, my soul, arise! Shake off your guilty fears.  
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears.  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary.  
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:  
“Forgive him, O, forgive,” they cry,  
“Forgive him, O, forgive,” they cry,  
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”





The Father hears Him pray, His dear Anointed One;  
 He cannot turn away the presence of His Son.  
 His Spirit answers to the blood,  
 His Spirit answers to the blood,  
 And tells me I am born of God.

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear.  
 He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear;  
 With confidence I now draw nigh,  
 With confidence I now draw nigh,  
 And, "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

**Hymn of Life:** *See, What a Morning\**

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,  
 With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
 Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,  
 As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"  
 See God's salvation plan,  
 Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
 Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,  
 For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"  
 As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
 Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
 It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
 The voice that spans the years,  
 Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
 Will sound till He appears,  
 For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
 Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.  
 Honor and blessing, glory and praise  
 To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!  
 And we are raised with Him,  
 Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;  
 And we shall reign with Him,  
 For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

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SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY

- 8:45-9:20 am Family Bible Class
- 9:30-10:30 am Corporate Prayer Service
- 10:45-12:00 noon Corporate Worship Service

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

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There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations: these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals with whom we joke, work, marry, snub, and exploit: immortal horrors or everlasting splendors.

C. S. Lewis



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