



### **Invocation**

Lord, listen to Your children praying,  
Lord, send Your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to Your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

Lord, listen to Your children praying,  
Lord, send Your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to Your children praying,  
Send us love, send us joy, send us grace!

Author: Ken Medema (1970)

### **P: Opening Prayer**

Creator God, we praise you for your immense love towards us your children. In your love, you designed the world and appointed us as stewards to look after it. Lord, we thank you for sending us your son Jesus Christ as a sign of your enduring love. We thank you, that we, your children can come to you at any time, with any request, and we know that you will answer us with what is best for us. We praise you as we celebrate children and childhood. Amen.

### **Opening Hymn**

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God  
And His righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Allelu Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia  
Al - le - lu - ia  
Al - le - lu - ia  
Al - le - lu Al - le - lu - ia

Man shall not live by bread alone  
But by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord  
Allelu Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find

Knock and the door shall be opened unto you  
Allelu Alleluia

### **Kauma**

P. † Glory be to the Father our Creator, to the Son our Redeemer and to the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us.

C. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

C. Blessed is He that has come and is to come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P. Holy art thou, O God.

C. Holy art thou, Almighty Lord.

P. Holy art thou, Immortal Lord.

C. O Lord, the Messiah who was crucified for us † have mercy on us.

### **(To be repeated thrice)**

P. O Lord have mercy on us.

C. O Lord have mercy on us and bless us.

P. O Lord accept our prayers and worship and have mercy on us.

C. Glory be to you, O God.

P. Glory be to you, O Creator.

C. Glory be to you, O King the Messiah; who has mercy on us sinners. Bless us, O Lord.

(Let us sing together the prayer that Jesus taught us)

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is done in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Forever. Amen.**

### **(Cong. to be seated)**

Lesson 1- Exodus 2:1-10

Lesson 2- Ephesians 6:1-9

### **Meditation**

#### **L: Jesus Loves Me – the Story**

Anna Barlett Warner wrote 'Jesus Loves Me' for her sister's novel. Often, they would work together on a project. Her sister asked if Anna would compose a children's song that would be sung by a character in her story, to comfort a dying child. Anna responded to this request with the lyrics of the now famous Jesus Loves Me. The book was published in 1860.

Missionaries adopted the song, spreading its fame across the world. I read in one place that said 'Jesus Loves Me' has been translated into more languages than any other spiritual song.

Dr. Hawn a professor of sacred music at Perkins School of Theology, SMU shared the following story:

Of the many famous stories about this hymn, one of the most memorable came from the Swiss-German theologian Karl Barth who was also once featured on the cover of Time magazine.

Karl Barth delivered one of the closing lectures of his life at the University of Chicago Divinity School. At the end of the lecture, the president of the seminary told the audience that Dr. Barth was not well and was very tired, and though he thought Dr. Barth would like to open for questions, he probably could not handle the strain. Then he said, 'Therefore, I'll ask just one question on behalf of all of us.'

He turned to Barth and asked, 'Of all the theological insights you have ever had, which do you consider to be the greatest of them all?'

"This was a remarkable question to ask a man who had written tens of thousands of pages of some of the most sophisticated theology ever put on paper. The students sat with pads and pencils ready. They wanted to jot down the premier insight of the greatest theologian of their time.

"Karl Barth closed his eyes and thought for a while. Then he smiled, opened his eyes, and said to the young seminarians, "The greatest theological insight that I have ever had is this: Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so!"

This song holds simple but profound truth in these lyrics. Its words and music sink into our hearts, no matter our age.

### **Hymn**

Jesus loves me this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak but He is strong.

*Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me still today,  
walking with me on my way,  
wanting as a friend to give  
light and love to all who live.

Jesus loves me! He who died  
Heaven's gate to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin,  
Let His little child come in.

Jesus loves me! He will stay  
Close beside me all the way;  
Thou hast bled and died for me,  
I will henceforth live for Thee.

Anna B. Warner, 1860

### **L: God's Boxes**

I have in my hands two boxes,  
Which God gave me to hold.  
He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box,  
And all your joys into the gold."

I heeded His words, and in the two boxes  
Both my joys and sorrows I stored,  
But though the gold became heavier each day,

The black was as light as before.

With curiosity, I opened the black.  
I wanted to find out why,  
And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole  
Which my sorrows had fallen out by.

I showed the hole to God and mused,  
"I wonder where my sorrows could be?"  
He smiled a gentle smile and said,  
"My child, they're here with me."

I asked God why He gave me the boxes,  
Why the gold and the black with the hole?  
"My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings.  
The black is for you to let go.

Arielle Perkins

<https://www.poemhunter.com/poem/god-s-boxes/>

### **L: God's wings**

An article in National Geographic several years ago provided a penetrating picture of God's wings. After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, forest rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the inferno's damage. One ranger found a bird literally frozen in ashes, like a little statute on the ground at the base of a tree.

Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, he pushed over the dead bird with a stick and three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother's wings. The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would rise.

She could have flown to safety but refused to abandon her babies. When the blaze had arrived and the heat had scorched her small body, the mother had remained steadfast.

Because she had been willing to die, those under the cover of her wings would live.

"He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge." - Psalm 91:4  
Yes, Jesus loves me.

### **(Cong to stand)**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

*Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy*

L: For leading lives on our own terms, straying away from the path of God and failing to take part in the activities of the Sunday School, which is aimed at bringing us closer to God through prayer and studying of the Word.

**C:** Lord, forgive our sins and save us.

L: For giving more importance in following the latest trends on social media than spending time in reading the Bible and caring for our fellow beings and the environment.

**C:** Lord, forgive our sins and save us.

L: For misusing our God-given gifts and talents to further our selfish interests, and not listening to our Sunday School teachers who have taught us to attempt great things for God by putting our complete faith in Him.

**C:** Lord, forgive our sins and save us.

L: For not putting into practice the Sunday School lessons on love, forgiveness, compassion and kindness, and failing to lead other children to Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life.

**C:** Lord, forgive our sins and save us.

*Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy*

## **Intercessory Prayer**

### **L: A Prayer for When I am Thankful**

Dear God, thank You for this day! Thank You for the birds and the animals, the flowers and the trees, the lakes and the streams, and the sun that rises and sets over them each day and the wonder of it all. Thank You for creating everything we see! Thank You for the life we live, and for making each person different. Thank You for Jesus, who died for us so that we can go to heaven one day just for believing in Him. What an amazing God You are! Fill me with your light and let me be radiant for You.

**C:** This little light of mine  
I'm going to let it shine  
Oh, this little light of mine  
I'm going to let it shine  
This little light of mine  
I'm going to let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

### **L: A Prayer for My Friends**

Loving Lord, Thank You for my friends. You tell us that it is not good to be alone, God, and bless us with family and friends all around us. Thank You for giving us people to talk to and laugh with. I pray for my friends today, that they have a good day and a blessed life.

We also pray for the many children across the world who are homeless or lost or living in war zones. We pray that you will bring peace, happiness and comfort to the millions of children suffering cruelty and poverty. We pray that God's light would dawn on them and give them hope.

Just like Jesus is to me. Help me to be kind like Jesus. To be a good friend to others and spread His love. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**C:** Ev'ry where I go  
I'm going to let it shine  
Oh, ev'ry where I go  
I'm going to let it shine

Ev'ry where I go  
I'm going to let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

**L: A Prayer for Help**

Loving God, Sometimes I don't feel like talking about what's wrong. I just want to be mad or sad or frustrated. I would rather be by myself. Sometimes, things feel too big for me to figure out. Sometimes, life seems really unfair. I need Your help, God. You are the only One who sees everything and knows everything. You are the only One who knows everything about me. Help me to trust You, today. Please teach me how to take what I feel and give it to You to sort out. Dear Lord, please shine your light in me.

**C:** This little light of mine  
I'm going to let it shine  
Oh, this little light of mine  
I'm going to let it shine  
This little light of mine  
I'm going to let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

**L: A Prayer for My School**

Loving Lord, please bless my school and my Sunday School. We pray for our Primrose Church and the wonderful lessons and songs we learn here. Help us to give our Sunday school lessons as much importance as our daily school lessons.

We pray for the Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam and its activities such as Vacation Bible school, Mission to Parish, Mission to Schools and the many other mission activities.

Heavenly Father, thank You for our teachers that work so hard to help us learn. Thank You for providing a place where we can learn more about the world You created for us to live in, and how it works. Protect us from harm and help us to be little beacons of your love.

**C:** All about my School  
I'm going to let it shine  
Oh, all about my School  
I'm going to let it shine  
All about my Church  
I'm going to let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

**L: A Prayer for My Parents**

O Almighty God, you gave us the commandment to honor our father and mother. In your loving kindness hear my prayer for my parents. Give them long lives and keep them well in body and spirit. Bless all their work; keep them always in your care. Bless them generously for their loving care for me. Grant that, through your grace, I may always be their support and comfort too. Bless my home and family with your loving light.

**C:** All around my house  
I'm going to let it shine

Oh, all around the park  
I'm going to let it shine  
All around my house  
I'm going to let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Song written for children in the 1920s by Harry Dixon Loes.

<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/prayers/10-childrens-prayers-simple-and-easy-for-kids-to-pray.html>

### **Gospel Reading**

**P:** † Peace be with you all.

**C:** May the Lord make us all worthy to listen to His Word.

**P:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, which proclaims life and salvation to the world as recorded by **Luke 18:15-17**

**C:** Blessed is He that has come and will come again. Praise to the Father who sent him for our Salvation. May His blessings be ever upon us.

**P:** In the days of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, the Word of life, God incarnate of the blessed Virgin Mary, it happened in this way.

**C:** So we believe and affirm.

(After reading the Gospel, the priest says, † 'Peace be with you all')

**C:** We thank you, Lord, that you have given us your gospel which is indeed the light of the world, that we may be drawn closer to you through the living words from your gospel which we have now heard.

### **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in the one true God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all world; Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made, who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. He was crucified also for us in the days of Pontius Pilate; suffered and died and was buried. The third day He rose again, by His Father's holy will, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead and of His kingdom there will be no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets and the apostles. We believe in one Holy Catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the new life of the world to come. Amen.

### **(Cong. to be seated)**

#### **Birthday, Wedding Anniversary & Thanksgiving**

O God, our help in ages past,

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river

In my soul

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river

In my soul

I've got love like an ocean

I've got love like an ocean

I've got love like an ocean  
In my soul  
I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean  
In my soul

I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain  
In my soul  
I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain  
In my soul

I've got peace, and love and joy  
I've got peace, and love and joy  
I've got peace, and love and joy  
In my soul  
I've got peace, and love and joy  
I've got peace, and love and joy  
I've got peace, and love and joy  
In my soul

### **Offertory**

I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow;  
Though none go with me, still I will follow;  
Though none go with me, still I will follow;  
No turning back, no turning back.

My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;  
My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;  
My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;  
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
No turning back, no turning back.

### **Message**

#### **Closing prayer**



(All together)

**P:** Our Loving God, author of life and giver of all good gifts,  
we thank You for Your constant goodness.

**C:** Gracious God, you have created each one of us in your own image and likeness  
and placed us in this world with a unique and specific purpose.  
Enable us to live a life according to your will.

O Lord, may your hand of protection be on us,  
and may your word continue to be a light unto our path.

We thank you for giving us unique gifts, talents and abilities.

Help us to use them wisely and walk in faith, hope and love.

Lord, let your light shine in our hearts and enable us to  
follow Your teachings that we, your children, may be lighted to lighten. Amen

### **Benediction**

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

May you allow Him to mold you into what He wants you to be.

May you joyfully fill the role he has given to you and feel peace in your soul.

May the Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit guide you in all your ways, Amen.

### **Doxology and Kiss of Peace**

The B-I-B-L-E

Yes that's the book for me.

I stand alone on the Word of God

The B-I-B-L-E.

The B-I-B-L-E

I'll take along with me,

I'll read and pray and then obey,

The B-I-B-L-E.

By F-A-I-T-H,

I'm S-A-V-E-D,

I'll stand alone

on the Word of God,

The B-I-B-L-E.

The B-I-B-L-E

Yes that's the book for me.

I stand alone on the Word of God

The B-I-B-L-E.

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