

## **America the Beautiful**

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain  
For purple mountain majesties, above the fruited plain  
America, America, God shed His grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea

# **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

*UMH 139*

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;  
Sing now in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires all have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

5 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

## Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup> For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which *exists* among you and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup> do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention *of you* in my prayers; <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. <sup>18</sup> *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might <sup>20</sup> which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

# O Spirit of the Living God

*UMH 539*

1 O Spirit of the living God,  
thou light and fire divine,  
descend upon thy church once more,  
and make it truly thine.

Fill it with love and joy and power,  
with righteousness and peace;  
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,  
and sin and sorrow cease.

2 Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow  
until our minds are free  
from mists of error, clouds of doubt,  
which blind our eyes to thee.

Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips  
with flaming love and zeal,  
to preach to all thy great good news,  
God's glorious commonweal.

3 Teach us to utter living words  
of truth which all may hear,  
the language all may understand  
when love speaks loud and clear;  
till every age and race and clime  
shall blend their creeds in one,  
and earth shall form one family  
by whom thy will is done.

4 So shall we know the power of Christ  
who came this world to save;  
so shall we rise with him to life  
which soars beyond the grave;  
and earth shall win true holiness,  
which makes thy children whole;  
till, perfected by thee, we reach  
creation's glorious goal!