

## **As a Fire Is Meant for Burning**

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1. As a fire is meant for burning  
with a bright and warming flame,  
so the church is meant for mission,  
giving glory to God's name.  
Not to preach our creeds or customs,  
but to build a bridge of care,  
we join hands across the nations,  
finding neighbours everywhere.

2. We are learners; we are teachers;  
we are pilgrims on the way.  
We are seekers; we are givers;  
we are vessels made of clay.  
By our gentle, loving actions,  
we would show that Christ is light.  
In a humble, listening Spirit,  
we would live to God's delight.

3. As a green bud in the springtime  
is the sign of life renewed,  
so may we be signs of oneness  
'mid earth's peoples, many hued.  
As a rainbow lights the heavens  
when a storm is past and gone,  
may our lives reflect the radiance  
of God's new and glorious dawn.

## **Ecclesiastes 5:18-19 and Colossians 3:23**

<sup>18</sup> Here is what I have seen to be good and fitting: to eat, to drink and enjoy oneself in all one's labor in which he toils under the sun *during* the few years of his life which God has given him; for this is his reward. <sup>19</sup> Furthermore, as for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, He has also empowered him to eat from them and to receive his reward and rejoice in his labor; this is the gift of God.

<sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,

## **Forth in Thy Name, O Lord**

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1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labor to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know  
in all I think or speak or do.
  
2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned,  
O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.
  
3. Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes mine inmost substance see,  
and labor on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.
  
4. For thee delightfully employ  
what e'er thy bounteous grace hath given;  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heaven.