

God of Grace and God of Glory

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God of grace and God of glory on thy people pour thy power
crown thine ancient church's story bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour
(of this hour) for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ assail his ways
fears and doubts too long have bound us free our hearts to work and
praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days
(of these days) for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness bend our pride to thy control
shame our wanton selfish gladness rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss thy kingdom's goal
(kingdom's goal) lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage serving thee whom we adore
(we adore) serving thee whom we adore.

Luke 13:1-9

1 Now on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. 2 And Jesus said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were greater sinners than all other Galileans because they suffered this fate? 3 "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. 4 "Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were worse culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem? 5 "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." 6 And He began telling this parable: "A man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and did not find any. 7 "And he said to the vineyard-keeper, 'Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?' 8 "And he answered and said to him, 'Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer; 9 and if it bears fruit next year, fine; but if not, cut it down.'"

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

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Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
for Thy gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Thy salvation
in our hearts and lives abound;
Ever faithful, ever faithful,
to the truth may we be found.