

## We Gather Together

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1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;  
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.  
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;  
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.  
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!  
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

First published among songs celebrating the end of Spanish control of the Netherlands, this text's blend of patriotism and piety has made it popular at (often ecumenical) Thanksgiving Day services. The tune is named for the Viennese arranger whose male chorus popularized it.

## If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 816

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful  
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful  
 3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -  
 hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's  
 own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of

tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in  
 plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our  
 grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er

God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.  
 in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.  
 yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.

## 852 When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

1 When the Lord re - deems the ver - y least,  
 2 When the Lord re - stores the sick and weak, we will re -  
 3 When the Lord re - vives the world from death, we will re-joyce, will re -  
 4 When the Lord re - turns in vic - to - ry,

joyce.  
 joyce, will re-joyce.

When the hun - gry gath - er for the feast,  
 When the earth is giv - en to the meek,  
 When the word of God fills ev - ery breath,  
 When we live in glo - rious lib - er - ty,

*Refrain*

we will re-joyce. We will re-  
 we will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce. We will re-joyce, will re-

What does it mean to pray "thy kingdom come"? This text (loosely modeled on Psalm 126) sketches out some of the features that help us to know when God's reign has truly come. The energy of the gospel song tune adds to the sense of rejoicing repeatedly promised in this text.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce.  
joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce with glad-ness. All our

We will re-joyce!  
days we'll sing to God in praise. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce!