Lord, As the Day Begins

In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation. Ps. 5:3

1. Lord, as the day begins lift up our hearts in praise;
2. Christ be in work and skill, serving each other’s need;
3. Grant us the Spirit’s strength, teach us to walk his way;
4. Now as the day begins make it the best of days;

take from us all our sins, guard us in all our ways;
Christ be in thought and will, Christ be in word and deed;
so bring us all at length safe to the close of day;
take from us all our sins, guard us in all our ways;

our every step direct and guide that Christ in all be glorified!
our minds be set on things above in joy and peace, in faith and love.
from hour to hour sustain and bless, and let our song be thankful ness.
our every step direct and guide that Christ in all be glorified!

Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1960

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Phil. 4:6

1. What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

Can we find a friend so faith ful, who will all our sorrows share?

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Jesus knows our every weakness—take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

Joseph Scriven, ca. 1855

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Charles C. Converse, 1966
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I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth.
Is. 42:16

1. God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform;
he plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.

2. Deep in un-fathom-a-ble mines of nev-er-fail-ing skill
he treasures up his bright de-signs, and works his sov-ereign will.

3. Ye fear-ful saints, fresh cour-age take; the clouds ye so much dread
are big with mer-cy, and shall break in bless-ings on your head.

4. Judge not the Lord by fee-ble sense, but trust him for his grace;
be-hind a frown-ing prov-i-dence he hides a smil-ing face.

5. His purposes will ripen fast,
unfolding ev’ry hour;
the bud may have a bitter taste,
but sweet will be the flow’r.

6. Blind unbelief is sure to err,
and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
and he will make it plain.

William Cowper, 1774