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Wings of Prayer



*But those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings of eagles;
Isaiah 40:11a*

*Even the sparrow
has found a home,
and the swallow a nest
where she may have young--
a place near the altar.
Psalms 84:3*



Today I will not ask for much,
I mainly want to keep in touch.
I know you'll care for me today
So there's not much I need to say.
I know that if I'm in Your care
Your Hand will guide me anywhere,
But let me say a word or two
To let You know that I love You.
The blessings that You give each day
Sure mean a lot, I'd like to say,
And if Your Hand keeps clasping mine
I'll safely cross the finish line.

Amen

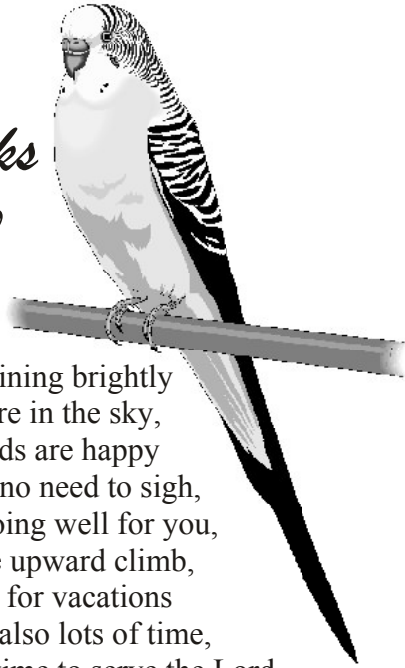


There's telephone and telegraph,
the Hubbel telescope,
The postal service, and air mail
to give us all the dope.
Then e-mail and the Internet
are much, much later stuff,
And still with all these fancy things
it never is enough
To get beyond the stars and moon
and far beyond the sun
To contact God in Heaven
and to talk until we're done.

It kinda' blows my mind a bit
that we can talk with God,
He's always open--day or night
no matter where we trod.
There is no fee we have to pay,
He doesn't call collect,
We never have to wait online;
It's more than you'd expect.
So if you haven't used online
to talk to God above
You really ought to try it soon,
He'll fill your heart with love.

Call to me and I will answer you Jeremiah 33:3

*Who Talks
to God?*



When the sun is shining brightly
and no clouds are in the sky,
Your wife and kids are happy
and you have no need to sigh,
Your work is going well for you,
you're on the upward climb,
You've money for vacations
and you've also lots of time,
Do you take time to serve the Lord
or do you just forget--
And think you'll call some later date--
you just don't need Him yet?
It's easy just to sing along
when things are going well,
There's nothing to complain about,
no morbid tales to tell.
But lots of folks have troubles,
and they live in pain and dread,
Are these the ones who talk to God
until the day they're dead?
If folks like this can keep a smile
and love God in their heart
He must have special love for them
and won't from them depart.

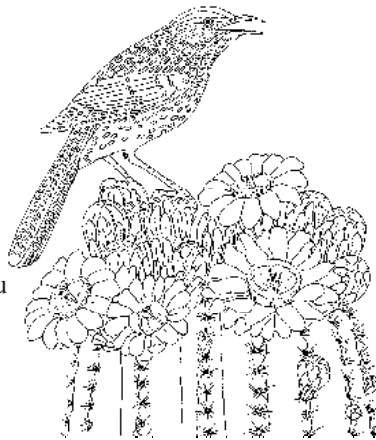
The Lord is near to all who call upon Him Psalm 146:18

Morning Time

If you meet God in the morning
when the day is at its best
And put your hand in His big Hand
you'll find your life is blest.
The problems that may irk you now
and seem so tough to bear,
Could be resolved, or cut in half
if God is there to share.

Because He sees the future
and knows well what lies ahead,
If you'll but cast your cares on Him
when you crawl out of bed
You'll find your heart is lighter
you may even hum and sing,
If you meet God in the morning
He'll help care for everything

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



Really Far Away?

I know that God seems far, far off
to many folks today,
And even when they say a prayer
He still seems far away.
It could be that the trouble is
they seldom keep in touch--
I wonder if the reason is
they don't love Him too much.
Or they could be too busy
with the things they have to do
And only in emergencies
would hope their "call" got through.
They have not learned the secret yet
that God is on their side,
And cares what happens every day
and wants to be their Guide.
If they'd just trust their lives to Him
and talk to Him a lot,
They'd find they'd have more peace of mind--
more than they ever thought.



Come near to God and He will
come near to you James 4:8

Asking

I wonder, when we pray to God
and ask for lots of stuff,
Do we tell Him just what to send
so we can have enough?
Do we think God is here to serve
our every wish and whim?
It's really not that way at all.
We should be serving Him.

We might be in bad trouble, folks,
if God would send our way
The many things our selfish hearts
desire from day to day.
I think it's really better far
to make our wishes known
Then let the Lord send what He wants,
and make His will our own.



Instant Access

If I could call the president
and say I'd like to chat,
I doubt I could get hold of him
and would be turned down flat.
I 'spose the folks employed by him
would have to check me out,
And find out if I qualify
to talk to him, no doubt.

Of course, they might give this excuse
that he's not in today,
Or he's with top advisers now
who tell him what to say.
There's not a chance that he would talk
to someone such as I,
For he is such a busy man
I know he wouldn't try.



But that is not the way with God;
He has a listening ear;
An angel will not say to you
"My friend, He isn't here."
Nor would they give a lame excuse
and say He's seeing friends,
Or that He's busy counseling,
but His regards He sends.

"This is the day He meets with staff
and won't be through till four
And by that time He's all worn out
and hustles out the door."
They'd offer an appointment then
and give the time and place,
I'd have to wait a month or two,
depending on my case.

I'm awfully glad that God is God
and hears us when we pray,
And we have instant access
any time and any day.

Let us then approach
the throne of grace
with confidence,
so that we may
receive mercy and
find grace to help
us in time of need.
Hebrews 4:16



Words and Ways

I think that God hears lots of words
that come His way each day,
Some folk use fancy wording
in everything they say;
But if those words are not sincere
and truly from the heart
He may not pay attention much
for God is very smart.
He knows what all we think about
and if it is sincere
We certainly can be assured
we'll get a listening ear.
But if our ways don't match our words
it could be we will find
That God will put our words on hold
till we make up our mind.

Delight yourself
in the Lord and
He will give you
the desires of
your heart.
Psalm 37:4

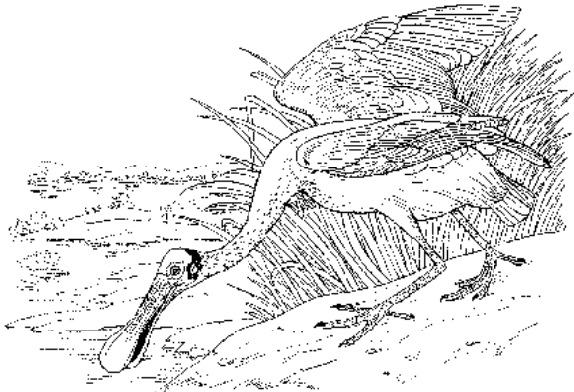


Bigger Than God

Sometimes we get so all wrapped up
in living here below
Our world seems bigger than our God,
and that's not good, you know.
Sometimes we scheme, and plan, and work
with time for nothing more,
And soon we find we've left God out
and softly closed the door.

Not that we planned to keep Him out,
it just comes through neglect,
And if we do not keep in touch
it's what one would expect.
You know we all have relatives
or friends of long ago,
And if we never write or phone
we kinda' let them go.

So if your God seems far away
or maybe very small,
Don't hesitate to call on Him
and make Him Lord of all.



Wait not

Now some folks seem to say to God,
"You needn't call on me,
But if I'm ever in a bind
then I'll call You, You see.
I'll tell you just what You should do,
and how it should be done,
I've heard You're good at helping folks
when life is no more fun.
I know You're busy with Your work
so I'll not bother You
Unless I'm really in a jam
and don't know what to do."
It doesn't seem too smart to wait
to talk to God, my friend.
He wants to help you every day--
not just at your wits' end.



Cast your cares on the Lord
and He will sustain you. Psalm 55:22

The Cue

Don't sit and bemoan
That you've older grown,
 For what would the alternate be?
Do you realize
It is really not wise
 To pity yourself with "poor me?"

For every long day
When you feel this way
 You've wasted some valuable time
To make your life glad
And improve it a tad
 So you'll have more strength for the climb.

There're things you can do
If you'll just take the cue
 To start every day with a prayer,
Then you'll have a Friend
And your heart He will mend,
 And you'll feel His love and His care.



The Voice

I like it when our kids will call
long distance now and then,
It's so much better than e-mail
or writing with a pen.

It dawned on me that when they call
and say a word or two
We know their voice right off the bat
so we know what to do.

We chin-chat for a little while
and fill each other in
On things important to us both—
it's easy to begin.



I kinda' think this is the way
God answers us today
He knows exactly who we are
when we bow down and pray.

He doesn't have to question us
and ask us who we are,
He doesn't check the record book
and hope we're up to par.

He listens to the things we say,
He doesn't sigh nor yawn
And try to get us off His hands
because its nearly dawn.

To think God knows us each by name
and even knows our voice
Should make us happy as a lark
and make our hearts rejoice.

but God has surely
listened and
heard my voice
in prayer.
Psalm 66:19

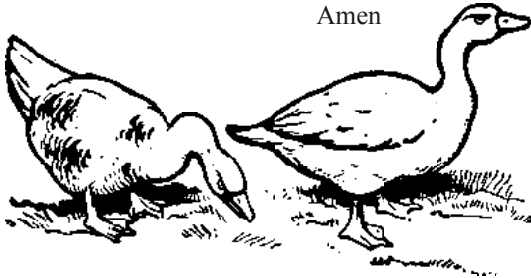


It Is a Noisy World, Lord

The world is not a quiet place,
we've noises all about,
I've wondered if the noise of life
just kinda' shuts God out.
There's traffic on the road near by,
there's TV in the house,
Sometimes it's hard to concentrate
on just our kids and spouse.
Computers, too, use up our time
and may invade our day,
I know these are excuses, Lord,
but what else can I say?

You know we have a lot to do
to keep us all on track,
Sometimes the pressures facing us
seem more than we can hack.
Conveniences we have down here
don't quiet us too much,
We're just too busy getting things
our selfish hands can clutch.
Lord, show us what's important
and our energy renew
And give us strength to live each day
the way You want us to.

Amen



The Problem Solver

What churns in your mind as you go through the day--
Is it pleasant and peaceful, or in disarray?

You could cook up ulcers if you're in a stew--
Or maybe a headache is waiting for you.

Your heart could beat faster and literally pound
If hatred and worry and grudges abound.

The answer is simple if this is your plight,
Tell God all your problems, for He's up all night.

God is our refuge, and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Psalm 46:1



The Hustlers

Sometimes I watch the TV news
and see a bunch of ads,
And if you didn't have good sense
you'd fall for lots of fads.
Folks seem to think that wealth is power
and really go for it,
And if they have a lot of stuff
their ego's up a bit.

And as we watch from our front door
folks rushing by each day,
It seems like it's a waste of time
to spend one's life that way.
I've seen some rather common folks
with little or no clout
That have a lot of peace and joy
that shines from inside out.

I think when all is said and done
we meditate a while,
And see that folks who love the Lord
are those who often smile.
The inside's more important
than the outside any day,
So keep your heart in tune with God.
It's great to live that way.



Do Your Possessions Possess You?

I know folks think they have it made
if they have lots of dough,
Then they can buy a lot of stuff,
and travel, too, you know.
It's really great to live with ease
and have more than enough,
And even have some cash saved up
if life gets really tough.
But if your wealth is piling up
don't love it more than due,
For then you may not love the Lord
the way you used to do.
If you feel self-sufficient
it may be that you will find
Your heart grows cold and empty
when you leave the Lord behind.



But seek first the kingdom and his
righteousness, and all these things will
be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33