

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

The year 2007 marks the 300th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley. Aside from being the brother of John Wesley, Charles is best known for writing hundreds of hymns, a number of which are still well-known today. United Methodist favorites “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing,” “And Are We Yet Alive,” “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today,” and even “Hark the Herald Angles Sing” are just a few to Wesley’s credit. The moving words of many hymns—Wesley’s and others’—make powerful prayers. One such hymn, “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling,” is printed below.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Words: Charles Wesley, 1747

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Praying the Hymns




“O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer’s praise!”
—Charles Wesley (1739)



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30** Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. #393 (Acts 11:15)	 www.ngumc.org					1 My gracious master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name. #57* (Ps 66:4)
2 Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always. #68 (Ps. 7:17)	3 Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. #431 (Jn. 14:27)	4 Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by. #351 (Is. 30:19)	5 It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. #352 (1 Tim. 1:15)	6 Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love. #334 (1 Jn. 4:10)	7 I'm goin' a sing when the Spirit says sing and obey the Spirit of the Lord. #333 (Phil 4:9)	8 Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care. #381 (Jn. 10:1-29)
9 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. #378 (1 Chr. 17:16-17)	10 Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure. #420 (Jn. 20:22)	11 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. #408 (1 Cor. 13:1-3)	12 Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart. #593 (Isa. 6:8)	13 All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I freely give; I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live. #354 (Prov. 3:5-6)	14 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain ... in every change God faithful will remain. #534 (Ps. 46:10)	15 Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. #560 (Jn. 15:12)
16 Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word. #145 (Lam. 3:22-23)	17 Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. #454 (Isa. 2:3)	18 Dear Lord, lead me day by day; make me steadfast wise and strong; happy most of all to know that my dear Lord loves me so. #411 (Jn. 15:11)	19 For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord; to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word. #428 (Rev. 21:1-22:5)	20 Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart. #384 (Ps 9:9)	21 Heal me, hands of Jesus, and search out all my pain; restore my hope, remove my fear, and bring me peace again. #262 (Ps. 23)	22 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. #557
23 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. #402	24 Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for the courts above. #400 (1 Sam 7:12)	25 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. #451 (Ps. 32:8)	26 Holy spirit, come, renew us, come yourself to make us live. #331	27 Inspire our ways of learning through earnest, fervent prayer, and let our daily living reveal thee everywhere. #571 (Mt. 28:19-20)	28 When other helps fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me. #700 (Lk 24:29)	29 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. #399 (Rom. 12:1)