

Hymn Texts for August 22, 2021

We Gather Together

1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side: the glory be Thine!

3 We all do extol Thee, Thou leader in battle,
and pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Be Strong in the Lord

1 Be Strong in the Lord, and be of good courage;
your mighty Defender is always the same.
Mount up with wings, as the eagle ascending;
victory is sure when you call on His name.

Refrain:

Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;
and be of good courage, for He is our guide.
Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;
and rejoice, for the victory is yours.

2 So put on the armor the Lord has provided,
and place your defense in His unfailing care.
Trust Him for He will be with you in battle,
lighting your path to avoid every snare. *Refrain*

3 Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage;
your mighty Commander will vanquish the foe.
Fear not the battle, for the victory is always His;
He will protect you wherever you go. *Refrain*

Am I a Soldier of the Cross

1 Am I a soldier of the cross,
a follower of the Lamb?
And shall I fear to own His cause,
or blush to speak His name?

2 Must I be carried to the skies
on flowery beds of ease,
while others fought to win the prize,
and sailed through bloody seas?

3 Are there no foes for me to face?
Must I not stern the flood?
Is this vile world a friend to grace,
To help me on to God?

4 Since I must fight if I would reign;
increase my courage, Lord!
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,
Supported by Thy Word.