

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

How Firm a Foundation/Public Domain

Children of the Heavenly Father

Children of the Heavenly Father safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, and their sorrows all He knoweth.

Praise the Lord in joyful numbers, your Protector never slumbers;
At the will of your Defender ev'ry foe man must surrender.

Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Children of the Heavenly Father/Ernst William Olson, Karolina Wilhelmina Sandell-Berg/Public Domain

Day by Day

Day by day, and with each passing moment, strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure gives unto each day what He deems best,
Lovingly its part of pain and pleasure, mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord Himself is near me with a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He gladly bears and cheers me, He whose name is Counselor and Power.
The protection of His child and treasure is a charge that on Himself He laid;
"As your days, your strength shall be in measure," this the pledge to me He made.

Help me then in every tribulation so to trust Your promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation offered me within Your holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting, e'er to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting, till I reach the promised land.

Day by Day/Andrew L. Skoog, Karolina Wilhelmina Sandell-Berg/Public Domain

If You Will Only Let God Guide You

If you will only let God guide you, and hope in Him through all your ways,
Whatever comes, He'll stand beside you, to bear you through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the Rock that cannot move.

Only be still, and wait His leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content
To take what'er the Father's pleasure and all discerning love have sent;
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known, to Him who chose us for His own.

Sing, pray, and swerve not from His ways, but do your part in conscience true;
Trust His rich promises of grace, so shall they be fulfilled in you;
God hears the call of those in need, the souls that trust in Him indeed.

If You Will Only Let God Guide You/Catherine Winkworth, Georg Neumark/Public Domain