



## Original Hymns with Recruitment Themes

### 1 - Dear Lord, My Life Is in Your Hands

1. Dear Lord, my life is in your hands,  
My days and hours spent not by chance.  
For me you have some gift decreed.  
Not mine, but yours, will be the deed!  
To speak, to serve, to lead, to show --  
I know not what -- but still I'll go.
2. I'll go to fill my life's intent.  
I'll go with pow'r from heaven sent.  
Propelled by faith in Calv'ry's cross,  
I'll count all other things but loss,  
If all my life for this I strive,  
God's greatest gift to keep alive.
3. To speak like angels, martyr be,  
Or plumb the depths of mystery,  
A mountain move, or fortune share,  
Of all such gifts I shall beware!  
For greater than them all is this:  
Christ's love to have and have to give.

Text: John C. Lawrenz  
Scripture Reference: Philippians 3:8

Metric Scheme: 8.8.8.8.8.8.  
Suggested hymn tunes: CW #382, 479; TLH # 370, 493

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### 2 - A Name Above All Others

1. A name above all others,  
The name of God's own Son,  
Awakens zeal in brothers  
Who wish God's work be done.
2. This name was once a mys'try  
Hid, not by God's command,  
But by the sinful hist'ry  
Of men in ev'ry land.
3. The name is that of Jesus  
Who lives and reigns o'er all.  
He is the One who frees us  
To heed the Gospel's call.
4. None may his name acknowledge  
Unless that name be preached.  
None have salvation's knowledge  
Unless their ears be reached.
5. How beautiful the feet are  
Of those who bear his name.  
They run like Paul and Peter  
God's glory is their aim.
6. His name we have, and feet too,  
Ears all around there be!  
It is our task to see to  
Today's epiphany.

Text: John C. Lawrenz  
Scripture Reference: Romans 10:14-18

Metric Pattern: 7.6.7.6.  
Tune Suggestions: CW #606; TLH #597

### 3 - I Thank the Lord, My Strength

1. I thank the Lord, my Strength  
That he has undertaken  
To place the ministry  
Of reconciliation  
Not in the hands of those  
Who choose themselves to serve,  
But in the care of those  
Not even grace deserve.
2. Each servant of the Lord  
Must hang his head in sorrow  
For none can claim a past,  
A present, or tomorrow  
That merits less than full  
Rejection from above;  
Mercy alone endows  
The ministry of love.
3. God's grace and mercy, then,  
Though undeserved and boundless,  
Are for my ministry  
A daily bread that's endless.  
In grace I'll share the grace  
That once was given to me,  
And give to those in need  
Christ's mercy, full and free.

Text: John C. Lawrenz  
Scripture Reference: 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

Metric Scheme: 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6.  
Suggested hymn tunes: CW #459, 610; TLH #36, 395

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### 4 - How Wonderful It Is to Know That We Are His

1. How wonderful it is,  
To know that we are his  
And grace is ours!  
How great it is to be  
Safe for eternity,  
Serving in ministry,  
Sharing God's pow'rs.
2. No one can equal him  
By act or will or whim.  
What can be done?  
Guilt-laden sinners die  
Searching for God on high;  
No matter how they try,  
Nothing is won!
3. "Not guilty!" is the word  
That must by all be heard  
Since we fall short.  
Bearing sin's awful load,  
Jesus his life bestowed  
To pay the debt we owed  
In heaven's court.
4. Ransomed, we hear him call  
Us to proclaim to all  
That freedom's free!  
For him we muster all,  
Trumpet the Gospel's call,  
Tear down sin's prison wall,  
Set freed men free!
5. Grace comes in service to  
The Savior, Jesus, who  
Assigns our roles;  
Grace comes in many forms,  
Each grace God's will performs,  
Calming the raging storms  
That ravage souls.
6. Take up the role he gave  
That grace some soul may save;  
Serve others well.  
Whate'er the gift may be,  
Employ it faithfully;  
Until eternity  
Salvation tell.

Text: John C. Lawrenz  
Scripture Reference: Isaiah 61:1-2

Metric Pattern: 6.6.4.6.6.6.4.  
Tune Suggestions: CW#402, 619; TLH #394, 577

## 5 - Complete the Task Your Lord Has Giv'n

1. Complete the task your Lord has giv'n,  
All you who hear the Spirit's call,  
Compelled by grace to sound his name  
And bear his Word of life to all.
2. Run out the race your Lord has set;  
Think not of hardship, toil, or pain;  
Danger or death can hold no threat...  
All that is lost for Christ is gain.
3. Take up the path your Lord shall lead  
And question not where you are bound;  
His promises are rich indeed,  
And fullness in his work is found.
4. Watch o'er the flock your Lord entrusts,  
You shepherds of the church of God,  
Instruct them with the love of Christ  
For they are purchased with his blood.
5. Define your worth by Jesus' love;  
Count yourself nothing for his sake  
But that your life his grace might prove  
And sinners from their sleep awake.
6. All you who see your sins forgiv'n,  
Testify to the Savior's grace  
And till he summons you to heav'n  
Complete that task, run out that race!

Text: Marcus P. Manthey

Scripture Reference: 1 Timothy 1:12; 2 Timothy 4:7

Metric Scheme: 8.8.8.8.

Suggested hymn tunes: CW # 544; TLH - Any L.M. tune

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## 6 - Jesus First and Jesus Only

1. Jesus first and Jesus only  
Is the message we proclaim;  
All that need be heard or spoken  
Lies within that sacred name,  
That God's grace and full forgiveness  
May supplant man's sin and shame.
2. Not our eloquence or wisdom,  
Not our sweet, persuasive word,  
But the power of the Gospel  
May the sinner help afford,  
Turning him to Jesus only  
As his Savior and his Lord.
3. Though with meekness and with trembling,  
Yet we come his name to raise;  
Spurning fear, we find new boldness  
In the love of him we praise;  
His strength perfect in our weakness  
As we serve him all our days.
4. Not that we are right or worthy,  
Not that we are great or grand,  
But that Christ our Lord has called us  
Is the ground on which we stand;  
Servants, all, of Jesus only,  
Ministers of heart and hand.
5. Loving Father, keep us faithful  
To your holy ministry,  
Guide our lives and bless our labors;  
Let us serve in unity  
Till we dwell with Jesus only  
Ever and eternally!

Text: Marcus P. Manthey

Scripture Reference: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Metric Pattern: 8.7.8.7.8.7.

Tune Suggestions: CW #122; TLH #50, 56

## 7 - By God's Free Grace

1. By God's free grace, let us draw near  
To heaven's high, celestial throne  
With faith assured and conscience clear,  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ alone;  
For though our hearts to God had died  
In sin that held us stubbornly,  
In Christ we now are justified  
By God's rich grace, faithful and free.
2. By God's free grace, let us hold fast  
To that great hope which we profess  
And boldly, as in ages past,  
Acknowledge Christ, our Righteousness,  
That in this world of sin and shame  
Our voice of faith speaks steadfastly,  
The saving Gospel to proclaim  
Of God's rich grace, faithful and free.
3. By God's free grace, let us take heart  
In fellowship of kindred souls,  
Nor eager be from them to part  
Who share with us these heav'nly goals:  
To reach the lost, to teach the found,  
To train God's servants faithfully  
To tell the Truth the world around  
Of God's rich grace, faithful and free.
4. O God, our Lord, may we stand firm  
Upon your heritage of grace,  
And may our lives your love confirm  
In every age, in every place  
Until, in heav'n, for endless days  
Your matchless glory we may see,  
And lift our endless hymn of praise  
For matchless grace, faithful and free.

Text: Marcus P. Manthey

Scripture Reference: Hebrews 10:22-25

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Suggested hymn tune: CW #85; TLH #132

