



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

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

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

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

