

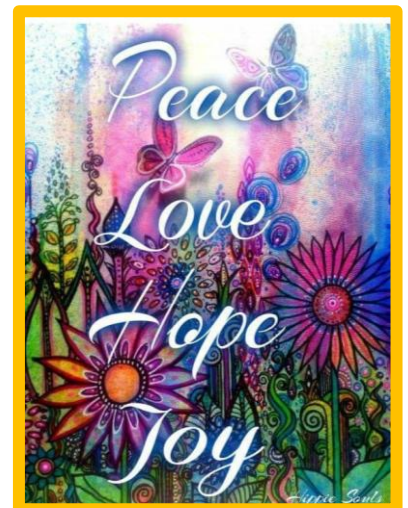
An Easter Prayer

Good and gracious God, our most glorious Creator.
As we greet the signs in nature around us:
Of Spring once again regaling us in bloom,
in the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted.
We give you praise for an even greater sign of new life:
the resurrection of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ,
that we especially celebrate at this time.
The sadness and despair of his death has given way to the
bright promise of immortality.
For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason,
light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death.



As we celebrate, we also dare to ask for your grace
that we may live the promise given to us.
By imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out to the poor,
the marginalized, the least among us.
As we strive to be neighbor to all those we meet.
We ask your special blessings each and every day on our world as we strive
to be beacons of hope and justice in a world hungry for peace and
so in need of your love.
We praise you in this Easter season.
Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of
Easter peace, love, Hope and joy.
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever.
Amen.

Fr. Larry Snyder



I Wish You Peace - The Eagles

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ZBrZwormAQ>

Verse

I wish you peace, when the cold winds blow
warmed by the fire's glow.

I wish you comfort in the, the lonely time
arms to hold you when you ache inside.

Wish you hope when things are going bad
kind words when times are sad.

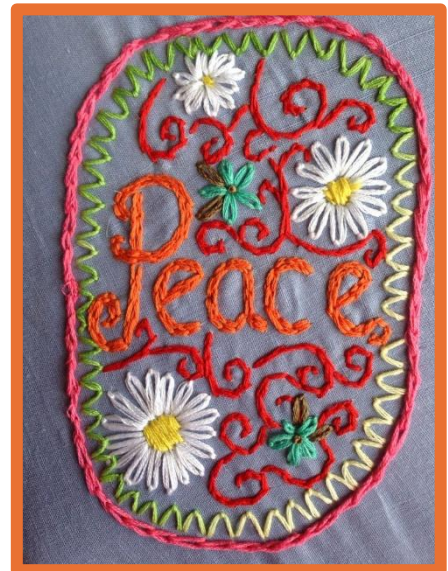
I wish you shelter from the, the raging wind,
cooling waters at the fever's end.

Chorus

I wish you, peace when times are hard.
A light to guide you through the dark.
And when storms are high and your, your dreams are low,
I wish you the strength to let love grow on,
Wish you the strength to let love flow,

Chorus

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A light to guide you through the dark.
And when storms are high and your, your dreams are low,
Wish you the strength to let love grow on,
I wish you the strength to let love flow on,
I wish you the strength to let love flow on,
I wish you the strength to let love go.



A Prayer of Hope

There are Christians who have hysterical reactions
as if the world had slipped out of God's hands.
They are violent as if they were risking everything.

But we believe in history.
The world is not a roll of the dice on its way toward chaos.
A new world has begun to happen since Christ has risen.

Jesus Christ,
We rejoice in your definitive triumph with our bodies still in the breach,
Our souls in tension.
We cry our first 'Hurrah!' Till eternity unfolds itself.

Your sorrow now has passed. Your enemies have failed.
You are the definitive smile for humankind.

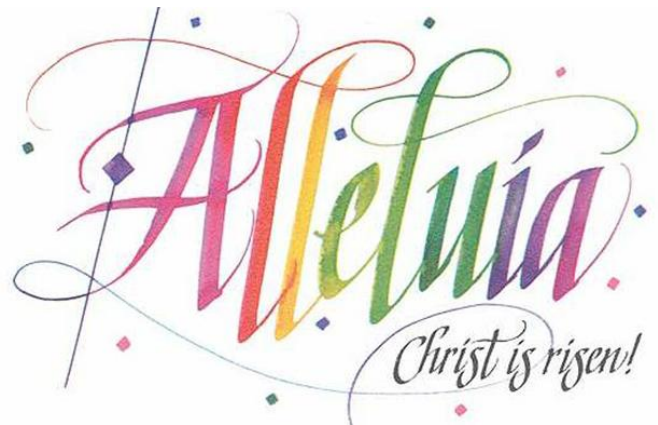
What matter the wait now for us?
We accept the struggle and the death,
Because you, our love, will not die!

We march behind you on the road to the future.
You are with us. You are our immortality.

Take away the sadness from our faces;
We are not in a game of chance?
You have the last word!

Beyond the crushing of our bones,
now has begun the eternal 'Alleluia!'
From the thousands of openings
in our wounded bodies and souls,
There now arises a triumphal song!

So, teach us to give voice to your new life throughout the world.
Because you dry the tears of the oppressed forever.
And death will disappear.



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