

WALK WITH ME: PRAYING WITH JESUS



Reader 1: Welcome ~

We would like to welcome all of you to “Walk With Me: Praying With Jesus.” Each of you should have received a journaling notebook when you came in. If not please raise your hand and we will give you one now. Throughout this evening you will be invited to answer the questions found in your journal. These answers will not be shared, so feel free to write from your heart, whatever you want. Our hope is to offer you a personal encounter with Christ tonight, so anything you write down will only be between you and Jesus.

Reader 2: Introduction ~

We would like to welcome all of you to “Walk With Me: Praying With Jesus.” Tonight we will be reminded that Jesus found prayer essential in all parts of his life. Because we know that Jesus is God, it is sometimes easy to forget that he was also human, and as a human, experienced all of the same emotional highs and lows that you and I experience every day. In the Stations of the Cross in which we just participated, we see that Jesus underwent extremely difficult trials and temptations just as we do. How did he overcome them? Through prayer. Jesus also celebrated joyous, happy moments in his life—and celebrated those moments with prayer also.

Why did Jesus pray? Jesus prayed to give us an example of how to grow closer in our relationship to God. As in any relationship, if we never talk to the other person the relationship will wither up and die. The same is true if we never talk to God. Through constant prayer this relationship with God can become so intimate that we are able to call God “Abba” or Daddy, as Jesus did. Also, as a human and a devout Jew, it would have been natural for Jesus to pray to Yahweh. Too, because the Holy Trinity is a relational being, where Father, Son and Spirit are inter-connected to one another, Jesus would have sought prayer to communicate with and be in constant relationship with the Father and the Holy Spirit. This unbroken connection gave Jesus the strength to resist all temptations, and a deep confidence in his mission. We too need this unceasing connection to God so that when we are faced with temptation we have the strength to say no.

How did Jesus pray? As we will discover tonight, Jesus prayed in many different ways, in many different settings. Scripture scholars will tell us that when scripture passages say that Jesus went off by himself, or to the mountain, it was to pray, and as you read Scripture you will become aware of just how frequently that happened.

Tonight we hope to offer you the opportunity to pray with Jesus as we go through his life in the gospels.

Reader 3: Our first example of Jesus praying that we find in Scripture is when he was a young boy, about 12 years old. Let us listen to St. Luke, chapter 2, verses 46, 47 and 52:

“After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and all.”

Even as a young boy Jesus goes to the temple to pray and learn. In this passage, Jesus is showing us the importance of learning the foundations of our faith, which is Sacred Scripture and the Tradition of the Church, so that we, too, can grow in wisdom and knowledge. Scripture is God’s self-revelation to us; it is one important way that God communicates with us. To know God we must know Scripture.

An ancient way of praying with Scripture in the Catholic Church is called “lectio divina.” Simply put, it is reading Scripture until a phrase or word catches your attention. Instead of continuing your reading, you stop, and spend some time reflecting on why that word or phrase struck a note with you. What is God trying to communicate to you?

At this time, we invite you to practice this beautiful way of praying with Scripture. We offer you the following from Isaiah, chapter 43, verse 1: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine.”

Take a few minutes now, and quietly ponder these words and what they might mean in your life. We have provided room for you to record your thoughts in your journal on page 1.

(Pause for about five minutes to give the participants time to reflect.)

Reader 4: As we walk with Jesus through his life, we are introduced to the beginning of his public ministry, which was initiated with his baptism. Jesus, understanding that he was beginning a very challenging time in his life, prayed, one can assume, for courage and strength. God answered his prayers as we hear in Luke, chapter 3, verses 21-22:

“After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Of course, not all of our prayers will be answered quite so clearly. But all prayers are answered. Take a few moments now to answer the questions in your journal on page 2:

- WHY DO YOU PRAY?
- FOR WHOM DO YOU PRAY?
- HAVE YOU EVER EXPERIENCED KNOWING THAT GOD HAS ANSWERED YOUR PRAYERS? HOW DID YOU KNOW?
- WHEN YOUR PRAYERS ARE NOT ANSWERED IMMEDIATELY, OR ARE NOT ANSWERED THE WAY YOU WANTED THEM TO BE, HOW DO YOU REACT?

Reader 1: This passage also comes immediately before Jesus goes into the desert for 40 days and nights and is tempted three times by Satan with power and glory. Jesus was exhausted and hungry, at his weakest and most vulnerable when Satan tempted him, and yet he was able to refuse to sin. How? It is easy to say “because he was God.” But he was also completely human, and as such, as tempted as you and I are. But because Jesus spent time praying *before* going into the desert, he was able to face Satan and resist the temptations placed before him.

Another example of Jesus praying in time of temptation is the passage from the Agony in the Garden. Jesus prayed ardently during that time, that he would have the strength to withstand what he was about to face. If you recall, immediately upon leaving the Garden of Gethsemane, he was arrested. Luke, chapter 22, verses 48-51:

“Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?” His disciples realized what was about to happen, and they asked, “Lord, shall we strike them with a sword?” And one of them struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said in reply, “Stop, no more of this!” Then he touched the servant’s ear and healed him.”

His apostles had fallen asleep in the garden instead of praying with Jesus, and so they were not in union with God and reacted with violence. Because Jesus prayed, because he kept in constant connection with God, even knowing what they were about to do to him, he was able to resist the temptation to respond in violence and instead was able to act as peacemaker, healing the soldier’s ear.

Take some time now to reflect on the questions on page 3 of your journal:

- DO I REMEMBER TO PRAY TO GOD WHEN I KNOW I AM GOING TO FACE A TEMPTATION IN MY LIFE? WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF PRAYING BEFORE I AM ACTUALLY TEMPTED?
- TEMPTATIONS CAN BE VERY SUBTLE. DO I EVER THINK TO PRAY TO GOD FOR THE GRACES NECESSARY TO BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE THINGS THAT FACE ME IN DAILY LIFE THAT I MIGHT NOT EASILY RECOGNIZE AS TEMPTATIONS?
- WHAT ARE SOME CHANGES I CAN MAKE IN MY LIFE THAT WILL HELP ME TO SAY NO TO SATAN IN THE FUTURE?

(Give the participants 4-5 minutes.)

Reader 1: Together let us take a moment and pray, as Jesus did, for the power to resist temptation which can be found on page 3 of your journal.

All: Jesus, in your humanness you prayed whenever you needed the strength to resist the alluring power of Satan. Satan comes into my life in many forms. Give me the grace needed to recognize when he is at work in my life, and the strength to resist the attraction of his temptations. Although his temptations may look like they will improve my life, let me remember that his ways are really the ways of death, and only by following you, the Source of truth and love, will I find eternal life. Amen.

Together now, let us sing “Lead Me, Guide Me,” verses 1 and 2.

Reader 2: Praising God the Father and giving thanks to God was an important part of Jesus' prayer life too. In both Luke, chapter 10, verse 21 and in Matthew, chapter 11, verse 25 we hear Jesus praising God:

"At that very moment he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will."

Then in Matthew, chapter 26, verse 27, and Mark, chapter 14, verse 23, Jesus gives thanks:

"Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it."

Please turn to page 4 in your journal and answer the questions:

- WHEN IS THE LAST TIME I GAVE THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD FOR ALL OF THE MANY BLESSINGS THAT GOD HAS GRACED MY LIFE WITH? EVEN WHEN THINGS ARE DIFFICULT, IF WE TAKE THE TIME TO LOOK AT OUR LIVES, THERE ARE MYRIAD BLESSINGS TO BE FOUND.
- AM I CONSCIOUS OF THIS, OR DO I RANT AND RAVE AT GOD BECAUSE LIFE IS NOT GOING AS I EXPECTED IT TO?
- TAKE A FEW MOMENTS AND LIST SOME OF THE BLESSINGS IN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU PERHAPS TAKE FOR GRANTED, THINGS THAT YOU SHOULD BE GIVING PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD FOR BLESSING YOU WITH.

(Pause for 3-5 minutes.)

Reader 2: Together let us pray a Psalm of praise, Psalm 100 which can be found in your journal on page 5. Side 1 will be those on the right of church, and Side 2, those on the left side of church.

Side 1: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all you lands;
worship the Lord with cries of gladness;
come before him with joyful song.

Side 2: Know that the Lord is God,
our maker to whom we belong,
whose people we are, God's well-tended flock.

Side 1: Enter the temple gates with praise,
its courts with thanksgiving.

Side 2: Give thanks to God, bless his name;
good indeed is the Lord,
Whose love endures forever,
whose faithfulness lasts through every age.

Reader 3: Jesus recognized the need for formal prayer. When his apostles came to him, asking him to teach them how to pray, he gave to us one of the most beautiful prayers we have, the Lord's Prayer. Matthew, chapter 6, verses 9-15:

"This is how you are to pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and do not subject us to the final test, but deliver us from the evil one. If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions."

The Our Father is probably one of the prayers we pray most frequently. Sometimes, when we do something repeatedly, it can lose its power or meaning. When is the last time you really, truly thought about what you are praying when you pray the Lord's Prayer? Listen to the following:

Interactive Reflection on the Our Father

Our Father

--someone who is there for each of us, to love us and care for us

Who Art in Heaven

--watching and understanding more than I can ever hope to

Hallowed be Thy Name

--holy, sacred, above all other names

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done

--only then will we have peace and harmony between people

On earth as it is in heaven

--we can bring heaven to earth through our words and actions

Give us this day, our daily bread

--provide what we need today; and we will trust you to provide for us every day so we needn't worry about tomorrow

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us

--we ask you God, to forgive us only to the extent we forgive others, so help us to forgive all who have wronged us, so that you may forgive us

And lead us not into temptation

--protect us from the evil one

But deliver us from evil

--when we fall, you will raise us back up

For yours is the kingdom

--to which we each belong

The power

--greater than anything we can conceive

And the glory

--all glory and praise belong only to you, O God

Now and forever

--for all time, past, present and future

Amen!

--It is so!

(Pause for about 20-30 seconds,)

Reader 3: Together now, let us sing the Lord's Prayer.

Reader 4: As humans we have different needs. Sometimes we need to be alone, sometimes with friends, and sometimes with a community. The same is true in our prayer life. Jesus shows us that he was no different through his own prayer life.

He prayed with the community whenever he went to temple. Luke, chapter 4, verse 16 tells us:

"He came to Nazareth, where he grew up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath day."

"According to his custom" tells us that Jesus worshipped at the temple on a regular basis—he "kept holy the Sabbath day." By doing so he showed us that, first of all, worshiping God should be a priority, but also that praying together is important, even when we may not know everyone we are praying with; that there is strength in coming together and worshipping God as one body of faith. Take a few moments to answer the questions in your journal on page 6.

- HOW DO I "KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH"?
- HOW DO I MODEL TO THOSE IN MY CARE WHAT IT MEANS TO PRAY TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY?
- HOW DO I MODEL HONORING GOD TO OTHERS?

Reader 4: Sometimes we need the love and support of those closest to us—our families and friends. Jesus, too, felt that same need and prayed with his friends as we hear in Luke, chapter 9:28:

“About eight days after he said this, he took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray.”

Then again in Mark, chapter 14, verses 32-33:

“Then they (Jesus and the apostles) came to a place named Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took with him Peter, James and John, and began to be troubled and distressed.”

Answer the questions in your journal at this time, on page 7:

- WHEN ASKED BY FRIENDS TO PRAY WITH THEM, HOW DO I SUPPORT THEM? OR DO I PUT MY OWN DESIRES FIRST AND IGNORE THEIR SPIRITUAL NEEDS?
- WHEN I FEEL AFRAID, SORROWFUL, OR ABOUT TO FACE A CHALLENGE IN MY LIFE DO I ASK MY FRIENDS FOR THEIR SPIRITUAL SUPPORT? WHY OR WHY NOT? WHY IS IT SO HARD TO MAKE MYSELF VULNERABLE TO OTHERS?
- WHAT ABOUT WHEN SOMETHING WONDERFUL HAPPENS—DO I THINK TO INVITE MY FRIENDS TO JOIN ME IN A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING? WHY NOT? DO I EVEN THANK GOD AT ALL?

(Pause for 3-5 minutes.)

Reader 1: Just as we sometimes need friends, or a crowd, there are times too when we need to be alone to talk to God. This is how Jesus prayed most frequently. There are many Scripture passages that show Jesus going off by himself to pray. He would remove himself from the distractions of life, where he could open himself fully to being with God. He would go where he could truly experience silence. Listen to Matthew, chapter 14, verse 23:

“After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone.”

Mark, chapter 1, verse 35:

“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place where he prayed.”

Luke, chapter 5, verse 16:

“The report about him spread all the more, and great crowds assembled to listen to him and to be cured of their ailments, but he would withdraw to deserted places to pray.”

Luke, chapter 6, verse 12:

“In those days he departed to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God.”

This is when we can really grow in our relationship with God, when we sit in silence and allow God to communicate with us. Psalm 46, verse 10 tells us: “Be still and know that I am God.”

We invite you now, to spend some time to be with God. For the next ten minutes, we will have silence as we sit before the presence of God with just the cross illuminated.

(Turn off all lights except for the one which points to the cross behind the altar. After 10 minutes, slowly turn the church lights back on.)

Reader 2: Prayers of trust and obedience were also a part of Jesus' prayer life. He understood that God only wants what is best for us, even though we may have to suffer first to gain that. Even in death Jesus prays in complete surrender to God, obeying because he trusted God to save him—not from the physical pain, but from the snares of Satan—he trusted God to bring him into eternal glory.

Again, going to the Garden of Gethsemane, Luke, chapter 22, verses 41-42 tell us that Jesus gives his life over in obedience to God:

“After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them, and kneeling, he prayed, saying, ‘Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done.’

And then in Luke, chapter 23, verse 46 Jesus shows complete trust in God:

“Jesus cried out in a loud voice, ‘Father, into your hands I commend my spirit;’ and when he had said this he breathed his last breath.”

Turn now to pages 8 and 9 and consider the questions:

- WHAT THINGS IN MY LIFE DO I NEED TO HAND OVER IN COMPLETE TRUST TO GOD?
- IN WHAT AREAS OF MY LIFE DO I NEED TO LEARN TO OBEY GOD'S WILL? WHAT DOES SAYING “YES” TO GOD INVOLVE?
- WILL I BE ABLE TO SURRENDER MY LIFE TO GOD WITH CONFIDENCE WHEN IT'S TIME? WHAT CAN I DO TO STRENGTHEN MY FAITH SO THAT I CAN? DO I FEAR DEATH? WHY OR WHY NOT? WHAT ARE SOME WAYS I CAN OVERCOME THAT FEAR?



Reader 2: Together, let us pray the prayer found on page 9 of your journal:

All: Loving and merciful God, I put my life in your hands. Help me to know that you are with me every moment of my life. Help me to trust in the depths of my heart that, although life may not always be easy, may in fact be very painful at times, you are there beside me for me to lean on for strength and courage. Let me trust that you will provide for me that which I need to get me through the pain.

When my time comes to leave this world, grant me the grace to embrace the advent of a new life with you with joy and anticipation, confident that you are waiting to greet me.

I ask this in the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Reader 3: Jesus also prayed prayers of intercession—both for himself and for others. One example of when he prayed for others is: John, chapter 17, verse 20:

“I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe you sent me.”

Again in Luke, chapter 22, verse 32:

“Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail...”

In Luke, chapter 22, verses 41- 42, Jesus prays for himself:

“After withdrawing about a stone’s throw from them and kneeling, he prayed, saying, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me, still, not my will but yours be done. “

Take some time now to consider the questions on page 10:

- WHAT ARE THE PRAYERS IN YOUR HEART FOR OTHERS?
- WHAT ARE THE PRAYERS IN YOUR HEART FOR YOURSELF?

Intercessory prayer on the part of the participants:

Reader 3: You are invited to write an intercession down on the slip of paper found in the front pocket of your folder. Intercessory prayer can be for someone else or for you. No one will see these but God, so write what is in your heart. We will pass a basket for you to place your prayer in. These will be brought to the front, blessed and then incense will be lit and offered, symbolizing our prayers rising up to God.

(The basket is passed around and then brought to the front of church where Fr. Jeff blesses them, placing the basket in front of the bowl with the hot coals in it. As he adds the incense to the hot coals, Fr. Jeff offers our prayers to God, either using the prayer below, or one of his own.)

Father: Loving God, Source of all goodness, we offer these prayers from the depths of our hearts for your recommendation. We trust you to answer them in the way that is most needed. We ask this through God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Reader 4: Many times Jesus would go off to pray in the setting of nature—the passages we have shared with you show him going to the mountains or the desert; natural settings of quiet and solitude. Many times it is easier to experience the greatness and the overwhelming goodness of God when we are surrounded by the wonder of creation.

At this time, we are going take a moment to visit the marvels of creation without leaving our chairs. This meditation is accompanied by the song: *Creation Calls* by Brian Doerkson. The words to the song are on the back page of your program. As you watch this reflection, be reminded of the myriad ways that God has blessed you through the beauty of creation.

Creation Calls: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LwGvfdtI2c0>

(After the meditation is finished, allow for a few minutes of silence.)

Reader 4: One of the most important prayers that Jesus prayed, was that of forgiveness. Not only did he pray to forgive those who had hurt him, he also modeled that forgiveness throughout his life.

Jesus was brutally murdered by strangers, even though he was innocent of all wrong-doing. Did he grow angry with his tormentors? Did he curse them and spew hate at them? No. Instead, because he was in constant relationship with God through prayer, He had the graces needed to ask God to forgive them. Let us listen to Luke, chapter 23, verse 34:

“Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.’”

In the face of such violence, instead of responding with more violence Jesus forgives. Take a few moments now, and respond to the questions in your journal on pages 10 and 11:

- WHEN SOMEONE HURTS ME, HOW DO I RESPOND?
- FORGIVING CAN BE VERY DIFFICULT TO DO, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN DEEPLY HURT. HOW CAN I LEARN TO LET GO OF THE HURT AND FORGIVE?
- WHAT DOES HOLDING ONTO THE ANGER, PAIN, HURT ACCOMPLISH?
- IN THE OUR FATHER WE PRAY: “AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE OTHERS,” DO I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM ASKING GOD TO FORGIVE ME AS I FORGIVE OTHERS? DOES THIS CHANGE ANYTHING FOR ME?
- IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO ASK FOR FORGIVENESS WHEN WE HAVE HURT SOMEONE ELSE. WHY IS IT SO HARD TO DO THIS? FROM WHOM DO I NEED TO ASK FOR FORGIVENESS?

Reader 4: Let us pray together now the prayer found in your journal on page 11:

All: My Lord, help me forgive when everything inside me tells me not to. Help me let go when my heart is so wounded that I feel it is breaking. Open my eyes to things that can heal me, things that can comfort me and make me stronger. Hold my hand and let me cry on Your shoulder. Let me understand that I am only hurting myself and my relationship with you when I hold onto the hurt and the anger.

Teach me to make the best of all the painful circumstances in my life and help me love the people who hurt me as You love us all. Give me the wisdom to see beyond this moment. Grant me the courage and humility to ask for forgiveness from those that I have hurt. Give me the inner strength to heal and not to break, to comfort and not to destroy, to repay good for evil and love for hatred.

I ask this through Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Reader 1: We are going to close tonight with a prayer of hope, the prayer that Jesus uttered as he hung dying on the cross. Because we only hear the first verse in the gospels, it is easy to misunderstand what Jesus is saying to God. It sounds as though he is doubting God. In reality, even as he hung on the cross, suffering a horrendously painful death, even then he prayed, even then he didn't despair but held onto the hope that is God.

The prayer Jesus uttered was Psalm 22, called in Scripture "The Prayer of an Innocent Person". We invite you to close your eyes and listen to the hope, the trust, the confidence that this prayer has in the providence of God:

Reader 2: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
Why so far from my call for help, from my cries of anguish?
My God, I call by day, but you do not answer; by night, but I have no relief.
Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the glory of Israel.
In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted and you rescued them.
To you they cried out and they escaped; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.
But I am a worm, hardly human, scorned by everyone, despised by the people.
All who see me mock me; they curl their lips and jeer; they shake their heads at me:
"You relied on the Lord—let him deliver you;
if he loves you, let him rescue you."
Yet you drew me forth from the womb, made me safe at my mother's breast.
Upon you I was thrust from the womb; since birth *you* are my God.
Do not stay far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

Reader 3: Many bulls surround me; fierce bulls of Bashan encircle me.
They open their mouths against me, lions that rend and roar.
Like water my life drains away; all my bones grow soft.
My heart has become like wax, it melts away within me.
As dry as a potsherd is my throat; my tongue sticks to my palate;
you lay me in the dust of death.
Many dogs surround me; a pack of evildoers closes in on me.
So wasted are my hands and feet that I can count all my bones.
They stare at me and gloat;
they divide my garments among them;
for my clothing they cast lots.
But you, Lord, do not stay far off;
my strength, come quickly to help me.
Deliver me from the sword, my forlorn life from the teeth of the dog.
Save me from the lion's mouth, my poor life from the horns of wild bulls.

Reader 4: Then I will proclaim your name to the assembly; in the community I will praise you.
You who fear the Lord, give praise!
All descendants of Jacob, give honor;

show reverence, all descendants of Israel!
For God has not spurned or disdained the misery of this poor wretch,
Did not turn away from me,
but heard me when I cried out.
I will offer praise in the great assembly; my vows I will fulfill before those who fear him.
The poor will eat their fill; those who seek the Lord will offer praise.
May your hearts enjoy life forever!

Reader 1: All the ends of the earth will worship and turn to the Lord;
All the families of nations will bow low before you.
For kingship belongs to the Lord, the ruler over the nations.
All who sleep in the earth will bow low before God;
All who have gone down into the dust, will kneel in homage.
And I will live for the Lord;
my descendants will serve you.
The generation to come will be told of the Lord,
that they may proclaim to a people yet unborn the deliverance you have brought.

Reader 4: We are that people,
the ones that are to proclaim to the next generation the goodness of our God.
Let us go forth from here to share the Good News of Jesus Christ to all we meet!
Go now, and pray as Jesus did, in all times and in all places,
to have the courage to witness to the glory of God through our actions and words.

Blessing: Priest/leader will offer a blessing for the participants.

Closing Song: *The Summons*

Creation Calls by Brian Doerksen

I have felt the wind blow,
Whispering your name
I have seen your tears fall,
When I watch the rain.
(Refrain)

How could I say there is no God?
When all around creation calls!!
A singing bird, a mighty tree,
The vast expanse of open sea

(Musical interlude)

Gazing at a bird in flight,
Soaring through the air.
Lying down beneath the stars,
I feel your presence there.
I love to stand at ocean shore
And feel the thundering breakers roar,
To walk through golden fields of grain
With endless bloom horizons fray.
Listening to a river run,

Watering the Earth.
Fragrance of a rose in bloom,
A newborn's cry at birth.
(Refrain)

I love to stand at ocean shore
And feel the thundering breakers roar,
To walk through golden fields of grain
With endless bloom horizons fray
I believe
I believe
I believe

(Interlude)

I believe
I believe
I believe just like a child
(Choir I believe..)
I believe