

A LITANY for Christmas:

Most Holy and Blessed One,
You sent your beloved Son into the world
as a newborn infant;
May the simple manger remind us of
your arms that hold us.
May blessed Mary remind us of
your mothering love.
May steadfast Joseph remind us of
your fathering love.
May the friendly beasts remind us of
the goodness of all creation.
May the watchful shepherds remind us of
your care for us.
May the journeying Magi remind us of
the gifts we give and receive.
May the glorious angels remind us of
the astonishing news
of the birth of our Saviour.

*Anne E Kitch Canon at the Cathedral Church of the
Nativity, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.*

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For all your saints still striving,
for all your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus,
for evermore be blessed.
You rose, our King victorious,
that they might wear the crown
And ever shine in splendour
reflected from your throne.

*Words by Horatio Bolton Nelson (1823-1913)
Hymn # 283, Book of Common Praise Verse 1 ACC.*

My Beloved said, "My name is not complete without
yours."

I thought: How can a human's worth be such?
And then God knowing all our thoughts - and all our
thoughts are innocent steps on the path - then
addressed my heart, God revealed a sublime truth to
the world, when (God) sang, "I am made whole by
your life. Each soul, each soul completes me."

Hafiz (1315-1390) Persian Poet

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Apostles, prophets, martyrs,
and all the noble throng
who wear the spotless raiment,
and raised the ceaseless song:
for them and those whose witness
is only known to you,
by walking in their footsteps
we give you praise anew.

Hymn CPr#283 Verse 2 (for All Saints)

O God, grant that looking upon the face of the Lord as
into a glass, we may be changed into his likeness from
glory to glory. Take out of us all pride and vanity,
boasting and forwardness, and give us the true
courage which shows itself by gentleness, the true
wisdom which shows itself by simplicity, and the true
power which shows itself by modesty.

*Charles Kingsley (1819-1875) Anglican clergyman
and novelist.*

O God, you have let me pass this day in peace,
Let me pass the night in peace.

O Lord who has no lord,
there is no strength but in thee.

Thou alone hast no obligation.

Under thy hand I pass the night.

Thou art my mother and my father.

*Boran of Kenya as collected into An African Prayer
Book, edited by Desmond Tutu.*

Before an Operation:

Strengthen your servant, O God, to do what must be
done and bear what must be borne, accepting your
healing gifts through the skill of surgeons and nurses.
Grant a full recovery and a grateful heart. AMEN

Then let us praise Creator,
and worship, Jesus, Son,

And sing to Holy Spirit,
eternal Three-in-One

till all the ransomed number

who stand before the throne

ascribe all power and glory

and praise to God alone.

Hymn CPr#283 Verse 3
