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JOINING US



# Go to Dark Gethsemane

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**Go to dark Gethsemane,  
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see,  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall,  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;  
Learn from Him to bear the cross.**

**Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;  
There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

# INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**People: Amen.**

*Pastor: All we like sheep have gone astray.*

**People: Lead us not into temptation.**

# INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor: We have turned every one  
to his own way.*

**People: Lead us not into temptation.**

*Pastor: The Lord has laid on him the  
iniquity of us all.*

**People: Deliver us from evil.**

# INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor: But he was wounded for our transgressions.*

**People: Deliver us from evil.**

- *Pastor: He was crushed for our iniquities.*

**People: Deliver us from evil.**

# INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor: Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace.*

**People: Deliver us from evil.**

- *Pastor: And with his stripes we are healed.*

**People: Amen.**

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Pastor: "Let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12). We confess to God that we have often fallen into temptation and succumbed to sin.*

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People: “Let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall” (1 Corinthians 10:12).  
We confess to God that we have often fallen into temptation and succumbed to sin.

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Pastor: We cry out to you for mercy..*

**People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

*(Please silently reflect, recognizing that  
though our sin is great, God's mercy is greater.)*

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Pastor: Hear the good news! God's Word declares that "God is faithful" and "he will provide the way of escape" from temptation and sin (1 Corinthians 10:13). In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you to remove the guilt of your sin. For Christ's sake God forgives you all your sin and renews a right spirit within you. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.*

**People: Amen.**



*Prayer  
of the Day*

...

**<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup> Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts**

**DEUTERONOMY 6:4-6**

*Reader: This is the word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

<sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.”

1 CORINTHIANS 10:6-13

**<sup>8</sup> We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. <sup>9</sup> We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. <sup>10</sup> And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.**

**1 CORINTHIANS 10:6-13**

**<sup>11</sup> These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup> So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!**

**1 CORINTHIANS 10:6-13**

**13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.**

**1 CORINTHIANS 10:6-13**

*Reader: This is the word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to  
St. Matthew the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

MATTHEW 4:1-11

- <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”
- <sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

MATTHEW 4:1-11

<sup>6</sup> “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:  
“He will command his angels concerning you,  
and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.””

MATTHEW 4:1-11

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup> “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

MATTHEW 4:1-11

**10** Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

**11** Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

**MATTHEW 4:1-11**

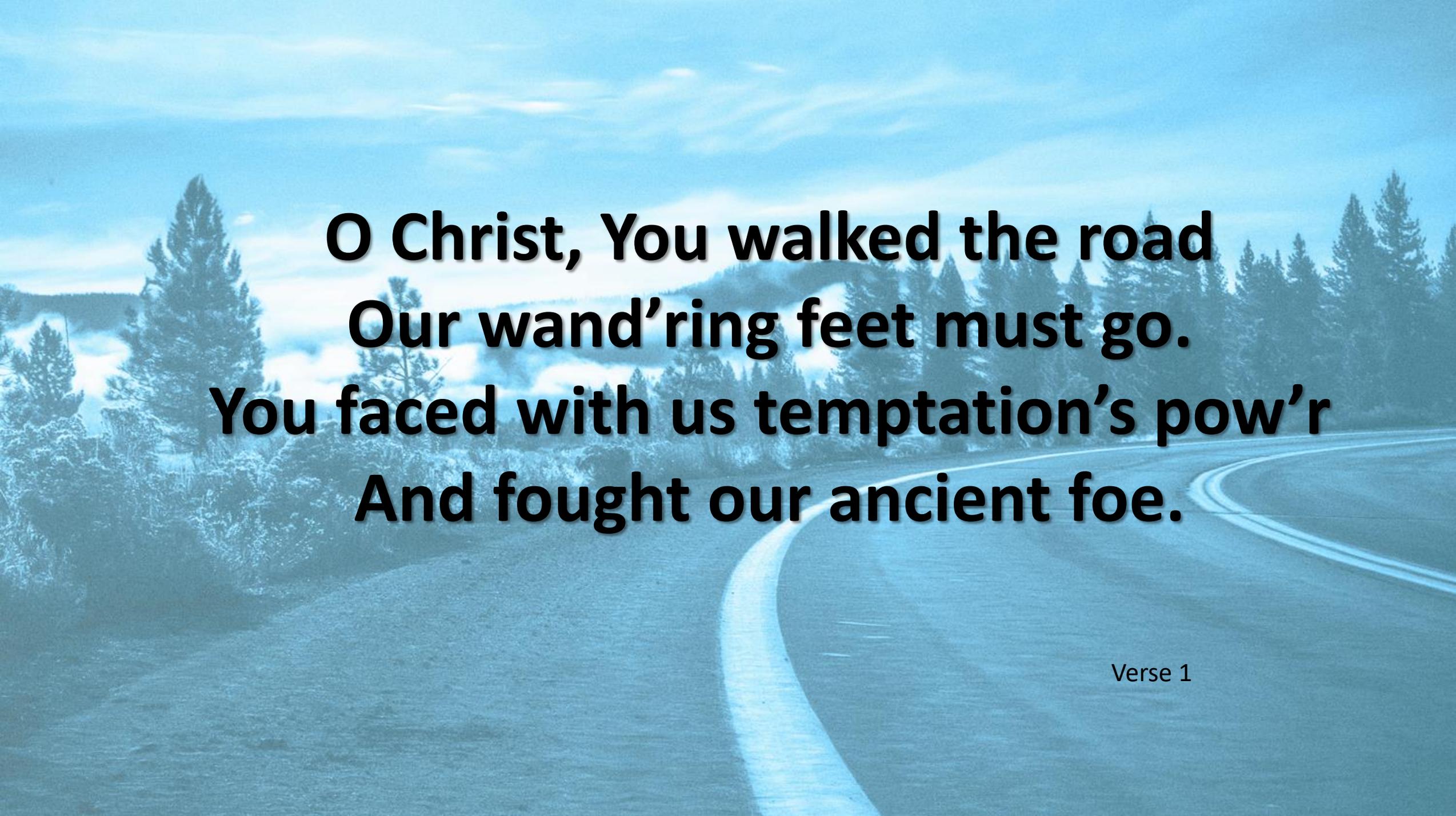
*Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to You, O Christ.**

# **O Christ, You Walked the Road**

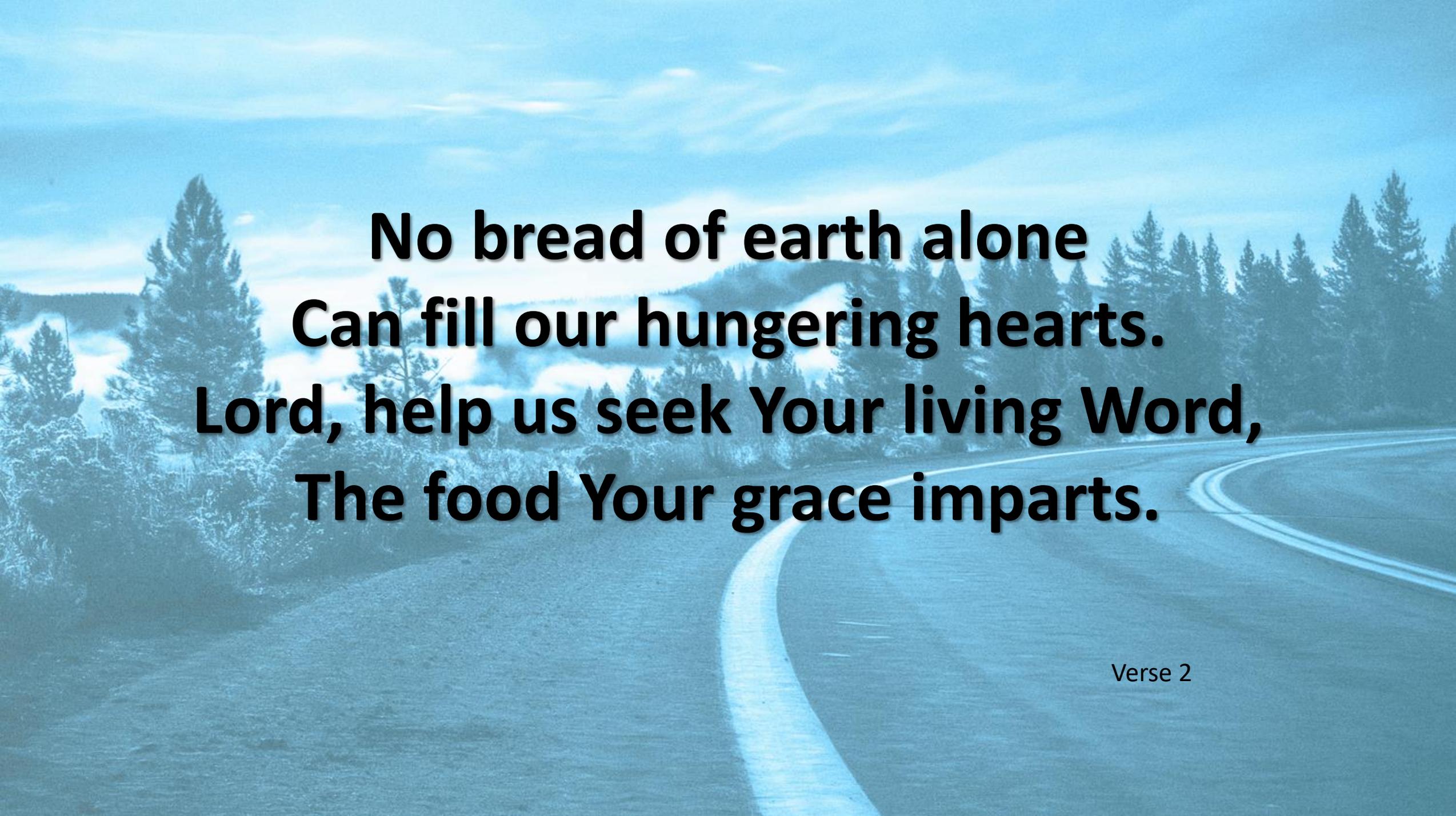
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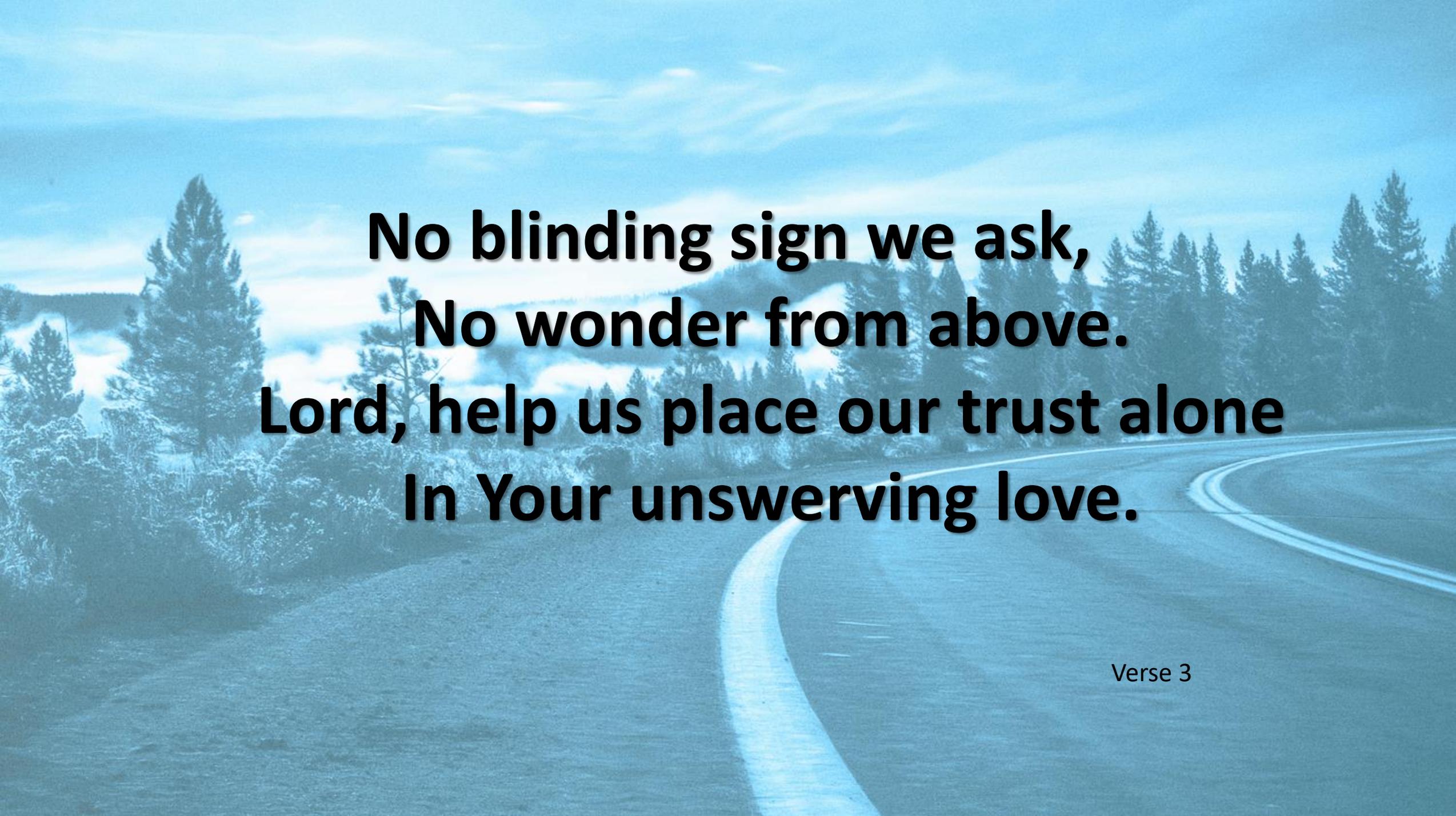
**O Christ, You walked the road  
Our wand'ring feet must go.  
You faced with us temptation's pow'r  
And fought our ancient foe.**

Verse 1

A blue-tinted landscape featuring a winding asphalt road that curves through a forest of evergreen trees. In the background, there are rolling hills or mountains under a sky with light, wispy clouds. The overall scene is serene and natural.

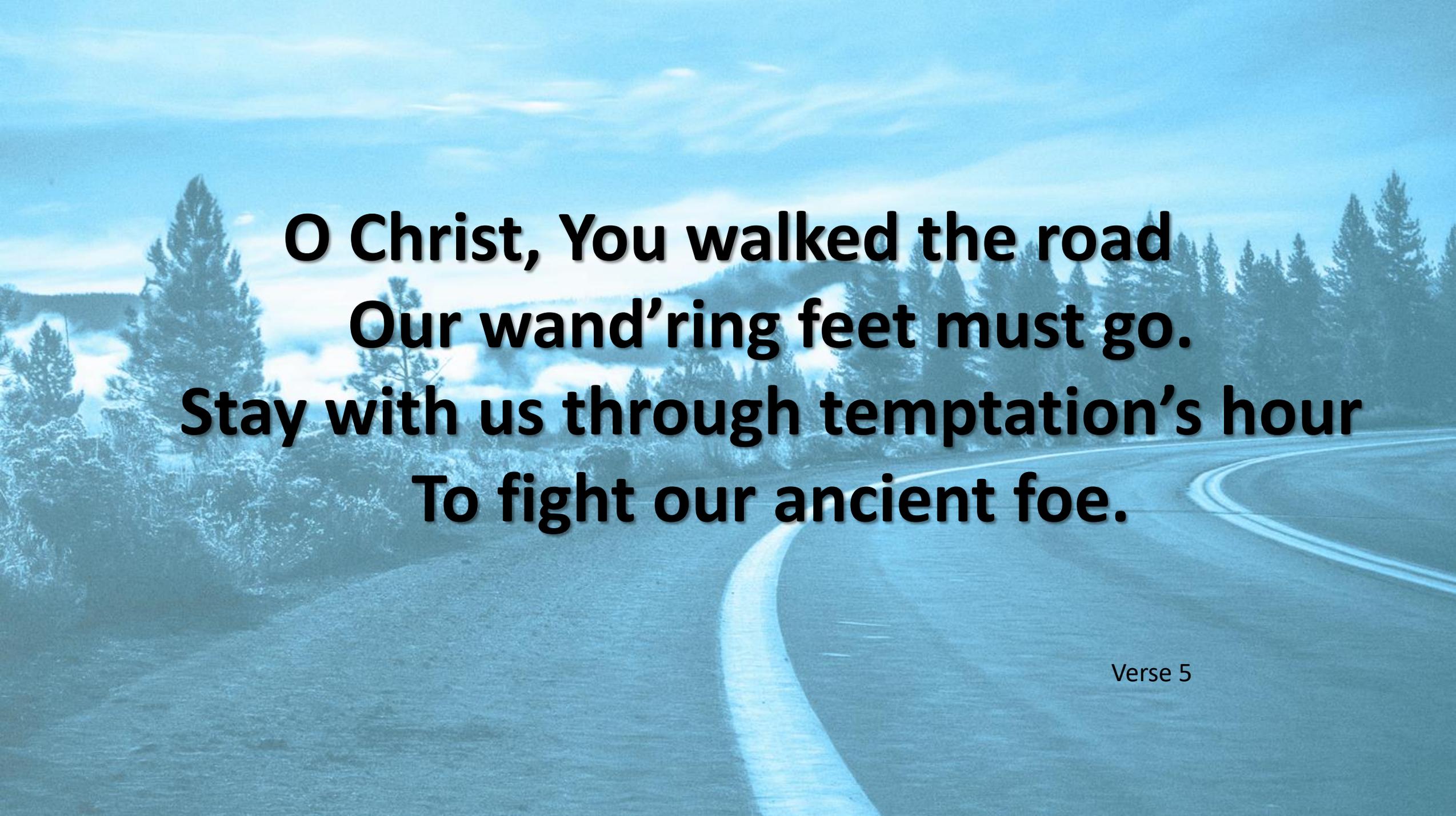
**No bread of earth alone  
Can fill our hungering hearts.  
Lord, help us seek Your living Word,  
The food Your grace imparts.**

Verse 2

A blue-tinted landscape featuring a winding asphalt road that curves through a forest of evergreen trees. In the background, there are rolling hills or mountains under a sky with light, wispy clouds. The overall scene is serene and natural.

**No blinding sign we ask,  
No wonder from above.  
Lord, help us place our trust alone  
In Your unswerving love.**

Verse 3



**O Christ, You walked the road  
Our wand'ring feet must go.  
Stay with us through temptation's hour  
To fight our ancient foe.**

Verse 5

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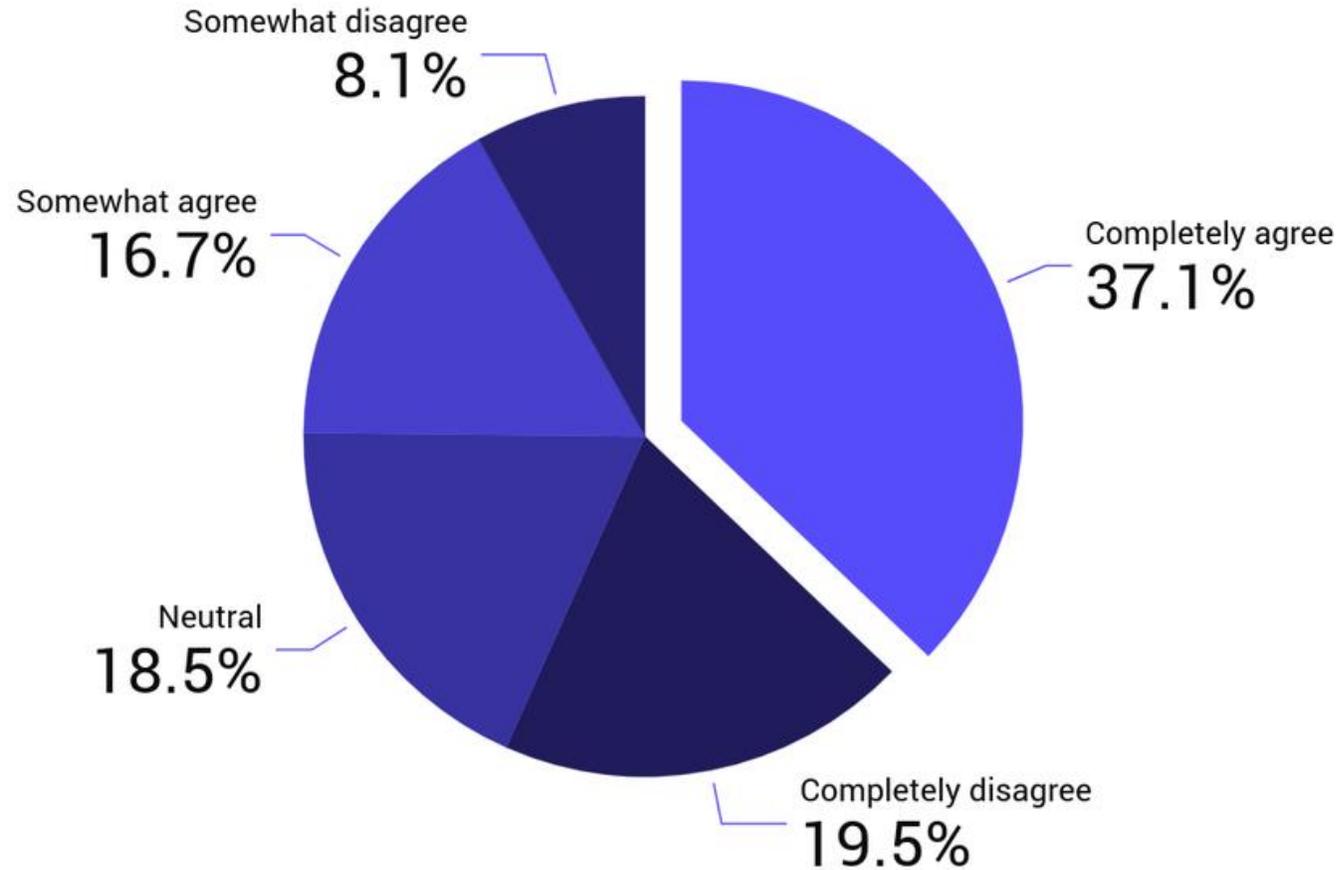
# GOD'S MERCY



WEEK ONE:  
*Mercy in Temptation*



# To what degree do you think distractions on your mobile device impair your ability to drive safely?



Based on a survey conducted in 2020

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# GOD'S MERCY



WEEK ONE:  
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#1

# Temptation is Persistent

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So, if you think you are standing firm,  
be careful that you don't fall!

**- 1 Corinthians 10:12**

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G O D ' S M E R C Y



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**- 1 Corinthians 10:6-8**

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G O D ' S M E R C Y



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***- 1 Corinthians 10:9-10***

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#2

# Temptation is Progressive

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G O D ' S M E R C Y



No temptation has **overtaken** you except what is  
common to mankind ....

**- 1 Corinthians 10:13**

*in view of*  
G O D ' S M E R C Y



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***- 1 Corinthians 10:7-10***

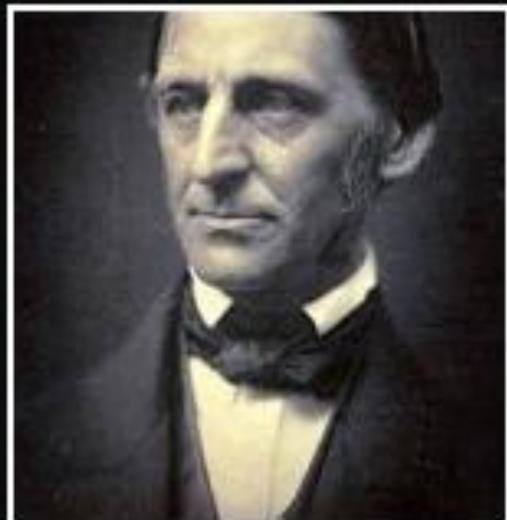
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**Temptation begins subtly but  
grows in its destructive power.**

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**G O D ' S M E R C Y**





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Sow a thought and you reap an action; sow  
an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit  
and you reap a character; sow a character  
and you reap a destiny.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Then, after ***desire*** has conceived,  
it gives birth to ***sin***;  
and sin, when it is full-grown,  
gives birth to ***death***.

***- James 1:15***

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G O D ' S M E R C Y



#3

# Victory over Temptation is Possible

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G O D ' S M E R C Y



... God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

**- 1 Corinthians 10:13**

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G O D ' S M E R C Y



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**- 1 Corinthians 10:13**

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For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

*- Hebrews 4:15*

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In Christ we have victory over temptation  
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# 1. Forgiveness

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In Christ we have victory over temptation  
in two ways:

**1. Forgiveness**

**2. Ability to say no to temptations**

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**fix our eyes on Jesus**, the founder and perfecter  
of our faith, who for the joy that was set before  
him endured the cross  
**- Hebrews 12:2**

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# GOD'S MERCY



WEEK ONE:  
*Mercy in Temptation*



# PRAYERS

*Pastor: According to your unfailing love ....*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

## PRAYERS

*Pastor: We praise you that you are faithful and that with every temptation you provide a way of escape. Fill us with your Spirit so that we will say no to sin and yes to righteousness. Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil.*

**People: Lord, grant me your grace both to will and to do what pleases you.**

# PRAYERS

*Pastor: All these things we pray in the name of Jesus, who triumphed over temptation.*

**People: Amen.**

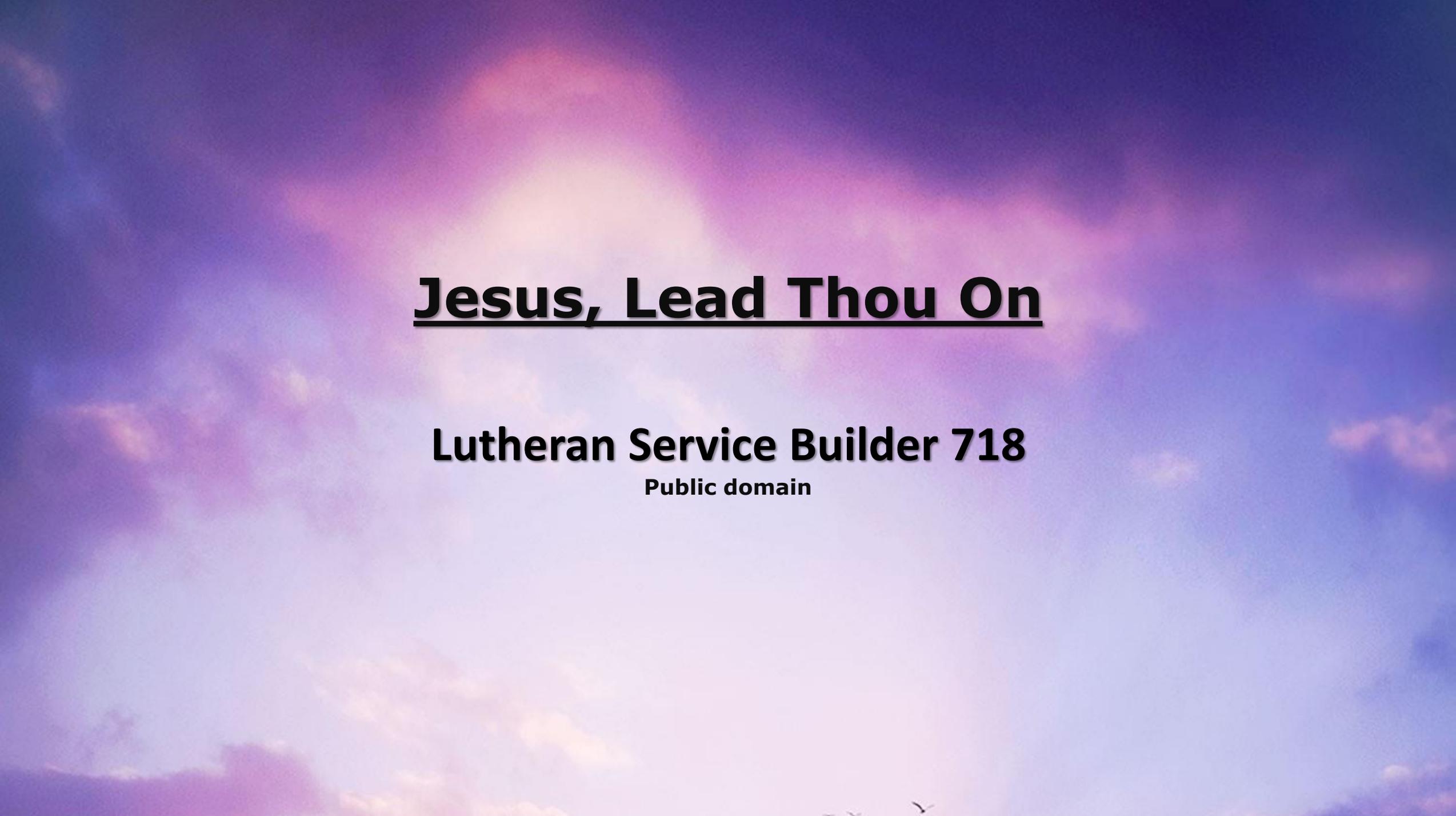
## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth, as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil;  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

*Pastor: May the merciful God, who is faithful and provides the way of escape from temptation and sin, empower you to live according to his good and gracious will, through Jesus Christ to whom be the glory forever.*

**People: Amen.**



# **Jesus, Lead Thou On**

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# Jesus, Lead Thou On

**Jesus, lead Thou on  
Till our rest is won;  
And although the way be cheerless,  
We will follow calm and fearless.  
Guide us by Thy hand  
To our fatherland.**

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# Jesus, Lead Thou On

**If the way be drear,  
If the foe be near,  
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;  
Let not faith and hope forsake us;  
For through many a woe  
To our home we go.**

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# Jesus, Lead Thou On

**When we seek relief  
From a long-felt grief,  
When temptations come alluring,  
Make us patient and enduring.  
Show us that bright shore  
Where we weep no more.**

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# Jesus, Lead Thou On

**Jesus, lead Thou on  
Till our rest is won.  
Heav'nly leader, still direct us,  
Still support, console, protect us,  
Till we safely stand  
In our fatherland.**

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God Bless

HAVE A GREAT  
WEEK

