

You can wait 'til morning comes.
You can wait for the new day.
You can wait and lose this earth.
You can wait and soon be sorry.

If not now, then when?
If not today,
Then, why make your promises?
A love declared for days to come,
Is as good as none.

Now love's the only thing that's free.
We must give it while there's time.
Pretty soon it may be too late.

'Cause if not now, then when?
If not today,
Then, why make your promises?
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If now now, what then?
We all must live our lives.
Always feeling.
Always thinking.
The moment has arrived.
If not now, then when?



POEM: Footprints by Jeremy Williams (found on 'Green Christian')

Thought for the day – Climate Justice

SONG: Footsteps of the Poor (on separate sheet)

Franciscan Blessing:

May God bless us with discomfort: discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships; so that we may live deep within our heart.

May God bless us with anger: anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people; so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless us with tears: tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and violence; so that we may reach out our hand to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

May God bless us with foolishness: enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world; so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.
Amen

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Introduction & Notices

Prayer

God, Creator of All,

we offer our prayer in gratitude and humility that we might heed your call to care for one another through our care of the least, the lowest and the most vulnerable of all your blessed creation.

Grant, we pray, the courage to speak on behalf of the soft soil under our feet, the running and still waters, the warmth of the sun on our face, and all the crawling, flying and swimming creatures you love.

May our courage to speak translate into actions that protect our planet – so that our children and their children might enjoy the fruits of what we sow.

Amen

The 5 Marks of Mission

SONG: For the beauty of the earth

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Chorus

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled:

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For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

Psalm 104: O Lord My God, You Are Very Great

SONG: 10000 reasons (Bless the Lord , O my soul)

Chorus:

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing When the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love And You're slow to anger
Your name is great And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons For my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day When my strength is failing
The end draws near And my time has come
Still my soul will Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years And then forevermore

Chorus



"If not Now, then When....?"

SONG: Ancient of Days

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains
That my God is, the Ancient of Days

Chorus:

None above Him, none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power, all the glory

I will trust in His name
For my God is, the Ancient of Days

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul
He is here with me, I am not alone
O His love is sure, and He knows my name
For my God is, the Ancient of Days

Chorus

Though I may not see what the future brings
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King
Then my joy complete, standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

Chorus

Intercessions concluded with 'Laudato Si' – A Prayer from Pope Francis

All powerful God,
you are present in the universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with your peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned
and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty,
not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle,
for justice, love and peace
AMEN

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Footsteps of the Poor

Show me what you carry
Show me what you own
Show me how you got here
Was the roadway paved with gold?
Show me what you borrowed
Show me what you earn
Show me how you pay your way
While all around you burns.

This will be a better world
Things will change for sure
When we choose to walk a while
In the footsteps of the poor

Tell me why you worry
Tell me what you've lost
Tell me you're not sorry
For what it might have cost
Tell me when enough's enough
Tell me when you're full
Tell me so I understand
Your heart is kind not cruel

This will be a better world
Things will change for sure
When we choose to walk a while
In the footsteps of the poor

Ask me why I bother
Ask me why I care
Ask me if it matters
If the circle can't be squared
Ask me if I practice
Anything I preach
Ask me what's the difference
When things are out of reach

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Things will change for sure
When we choose to walk a while
In the footsteps of the poor