



# CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Thank you Lord for this time together. With one another we stand in honor of You. Here and now, we are already beginning to set our sights completely on You. We are here as a family, joined together as One, to honor You, to praise You, to worship You fully, and to experience more joy in Jesus because of what we will share and learn. Thank You for this day and this privilege.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

# You Are Good

## Verse

Lord You are good  
And Your mercy endureth forever  
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And Your mercy endureth forever  
People from every nation and tongue  
From generation to generation

## Chorus

We worship You  
Hallelujah hallelujah  
We worship You for who You are  
We worship You  
Hallelujah hallelujah  
We worship You for who You are  
For You are good

## Vamp

Yes You are yes You are yes You are  
So good so good  
Yes You are yes You are yes You are

## Bridge

You are good all the time  
All the time You are good  
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## Ending

For who You are for who You are  
You are good You are good  
You are good good good  
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Israel Houghton

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# Forever Reign

## Verse 1

You are good You are good  
When there's nothing good in me  
You are love You are love  
On display for all to see  
You are light You are light  
When the darkness closes in  
You are hope You are hope  
You have covered all my sin

## Verse 2

You are peace You are peace  
When my fear is crippling  
You are true You are true  
Even in my wandering  
You are joy You are joy  
You're the reason that I sing  
You are life You are life  
In You death has lost its sting

## Chorus

(Oh) I'm running to Your arms  
I'm running to Your arms  
The riches of Your love will always be enough  
Nothing compares to Your embrace  
Light of the world forever reign

## Verse 3

You are more You are more  
Than my words will ever say  
You are Lord You are Lord  
All creation will proclaim  
You are here You are here  
In Your presence I'm made whole  
You are God You are God  
Of all else I'm letting go

## Bridge

My heart will sing no other Name  
Jesus Jesus  
(REPEAT 4X)

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# Goodness Of God

## Verse 1

I love You Lord  
Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days  
I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

## Chorus

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

## Verse 2

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

## Bridge

Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me

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# Here I Am To Worship

## Verse 1

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

## Chorus

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

## Verse 2

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

## Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
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# We Believe

## Verse 1

In this time of desperation  
When all we know is doubt and fear  
There is only one foundation  
We believe we believe  
In this broken generation  
When all is dark You help us see  
There is only one salvation  
We believe we believe

## Chorus

We believe in God the Father  
We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
And He's given us new life  
We believe in the crucifixion  
We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection  
And He's coming back again  
(We believe)

## Verse 2

So let our faith be more than anthems  
Greater than the songs we sing  
In our weakness and temptations  
We believe we believe

## Bridge

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised  
In the here and now let love invade  
Let the church live loud our God will save  
We believe we believe  
And the gates of hell will not prevail  
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil  
Now we know Your love will never fail  
We believe we believe

## Ending

He's coming back again  
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First

# CORINTHIANS

**CHRIST ALONE: TOGETHER**

EAST ELEVATION

# Hold Fast



Paul wants to make it unmistakably clear that **holding fast** to Jesus is the most important thing in life.

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<sup>14</sup> The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup> The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup> “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

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<sup>1</sup> But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, <sup>3</sup> for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? <sup>4</sup> For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?

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- **We live with the most hope, confidence, and joy today because of what we will experience at Jesus' return.**