



First Christian Reformed Church of Lynden
From Generation to Generation for the Glory of God

God's precious and exceedingly great promises in hard times

Colossians 3:16 *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

Scripture

Reflections on the All-Sufficiency of God for all our needs.

Genesis 22:8, 13-14

⁸ Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Deuteronomy 8:3-4

³ God humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. ⁴ Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years.

Psalms 40:17

¹⁷ As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me.
You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

Isaiah 41:10

¹⁰ Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 46:9-10

⁹ I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, ¹⁰ declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,'

Isaiah 64:4

⁴ From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts [works] for those who wait for him.

Acts 14:17

¹⁷ For he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.

II Corinthians 9:8

⁸ God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

Philippians 4:19-20

¹⁹ My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21

²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Song

Psalm 59:16 But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.

[You can Google the hymn to hear it if you would like to sing along.]

His Grace Is Sufficient For Me (based on II Corinthians 12:9-10)

I've anchored my soul in the Haven of Rest;
I've pillowed my head on the dear Savior's breast;
I'm trusting His promise of mercy so free;
Fear not, "For my grace is sufficient for thee."

Refrain: At home or abroad, on the land or the sea,
God's wonderful grace is sufficient for me;
I'm finding it true that where'er I may be,
His grace is sufficient for me, (for me)
For me, for me, (sufficient for me, sufficient for me,)
His grace is sufficient for me.

Wherever my lot upon earth may be cast,
Mid storm and mid tempest He holdeth me fast;
No harm can betide while His dear face I see,
And cling to the hand that was wounded for me. *Refrain*

The billows in fury around me may beat;
The "Cleft in the Rock" is my blessed retreat;
My Shield and Defender forever is He;
The Savior whose grace is sufficient for me. *Refrain*

And when I have finished life's voyage at last,
When safe in the harbor my anchor is cast,
The theme of my praises forever shall be,
God's grace, which is always sufficient for me. *Refrain*

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Prayer

II Chronicles 7:14 If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

"God All-Sufficient" A prayer from *The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers*.

King of Glory, Divine majesty,
Every perfection adorns thy nature
and sustains thy throne;
The heavens and earth are thine,
The world is thine and its fullness.
Thy power created the universe from nothing;
Thy wisdom has managed all its multiple concerns,
presiding over nations, families, individuals.
Thy goodness is boundless;
all creatures wait on thee
are supplied by thee,
are satisfied in thee.
How precious are the thoughts of thy mercy
and grace!
How excellent thy lovingkindness that draws men
to thee!

Teach us to place our happiness in thee,
the blessed God,
never seeking life among the dead things of earth,
or asking for that which satisfies the deluded;
But may we prize the light of thy smile,
implore the joy of thy salvation,
find our heaven in thee.
Thou hast attended to our happiness
more than we can do;
Though we are fallen creatures thou hast not
neglected us.
In love and pity thou hast provided us a Saviour;
Apply his redemption to our hearts,
by justifying our persons,
and sanctifying our natures.
We confess our transgressions, have mercy on us.
We are weary, give us rest,
ignorant, make us wise unto salvation,
helpless, let thy strength be made perfect
in our weakness,
poor and needy, bless us with Christ's
unsearchable riches,
perplexed and tempted, let us travel on
unchecked, undismayed,
knowing that thou hast said,
'I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.'
Blessed be thy name!