



# First Christian Reformed Church of Lynden

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*From Generation to Generation for the Glory of God*

## ***God's precious and exceedingly great promises in hard times***

*II Peter 1:4 He has granted to us his precious and very great promises.*

### **Scripture**

*Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

**Isaiah 43:1-5** *But now thus says the Lord,*

*he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:*

*"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.*

<sup>2</sup> *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;*

*and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;*

*when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,*

*and the flame shall not consume you.*

<sup>3</sup> *For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*

*I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.*

<sup>4</sup> *Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you,*

*I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.*

<sup>5</sup> *Fear not, for I am with you.*

### **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.]

### ***How Firm a Foundation***

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,

Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!

What more can He say than to you He hath said,

You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

In every condition, in sickness, in health;

In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;

At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,

As thy days may demand, shall thy strength ever be.

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,

For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;

I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand

Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

Even down to old age all My people shall prove  
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

### **Prayer**

*Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Pray for those who are sick, for mercy and healing for those suffering.

Pray for those who are most vulnerable, the least of these.

Pray for employers and employees, for those most affected financially.

Pray for those on the frontlines, medical personnel.

Pray for those in authority over us, for wisdom and compassion.

Pray for a cure and that the virus will end soon.

Pray for our nation to turn to the one true living God in prayer and repentance.

Pray God will be glorified and many will find salvation in the name of Jesus.