

Prayer Service GRACE -- September

Introduction: Saint Vincent's letters often "...begin with this greeting: 'The grace of Our Lord be with you forever!' a quite sincere expression of the most intimate desire of his heart."

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Call to Prayer: "Grace is necessary to begin and we need more to persevere to the end."

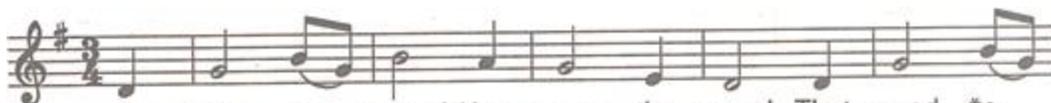
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Leader: "The grace of Our Lord be with you forever." **ALL:** And also with you.

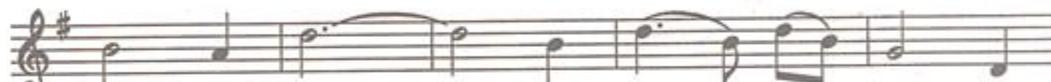
Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

ALL: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

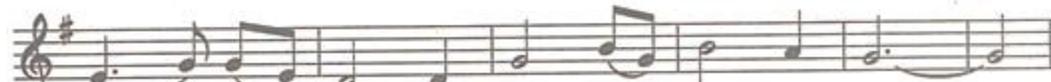
Hymn: Amazing Grace verses 1-4



1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound That saved *a
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I have al -
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright shin - ing

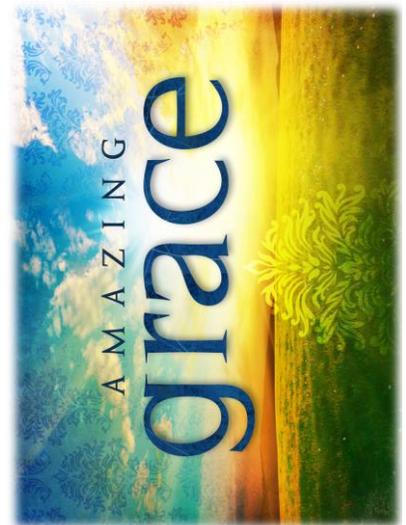


1. wretch like me! I once was lost, but
2. fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
3. read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
4. hope se - cures; He will my shield and
5. as the sun, We've no less days to



1. now am found, Was blind but now I see.
2. grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
3. safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
4. por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
5. sing God's praise Than when we first be - gun.

*Alternate text: "and set me free!" Text: CM; verses 1-4, John Newton, 1725-1807;
verse 5, anon., fr. *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790. Music: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829.



Scripture and Remarks from Saint Vincent: (Read in alternate sides, please.)

- I. "Three times I pleaded with the Lord ... But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me." 2 Corinthians 12: 8-9 NIV
- II. "... [I] only proceed from His grace and [this] makes me hope for great blessings ..." (SV 1:362)
 - I. "Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord." 2 Peter 1: 2 NIV
 - II. "... we recognize that this abundant grace comes from God, a grace which He keeps on giving ... to [those] who realize that all the good done through them comes from God ..." (SV 1:183)
 - I. "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace ..." 1 Peter 4: 10 ESV
 - II. "... your own heart, [ready to accept God's will] ..., will receive abundant graces from heaven to do much good on earth." (SV 4:437)

