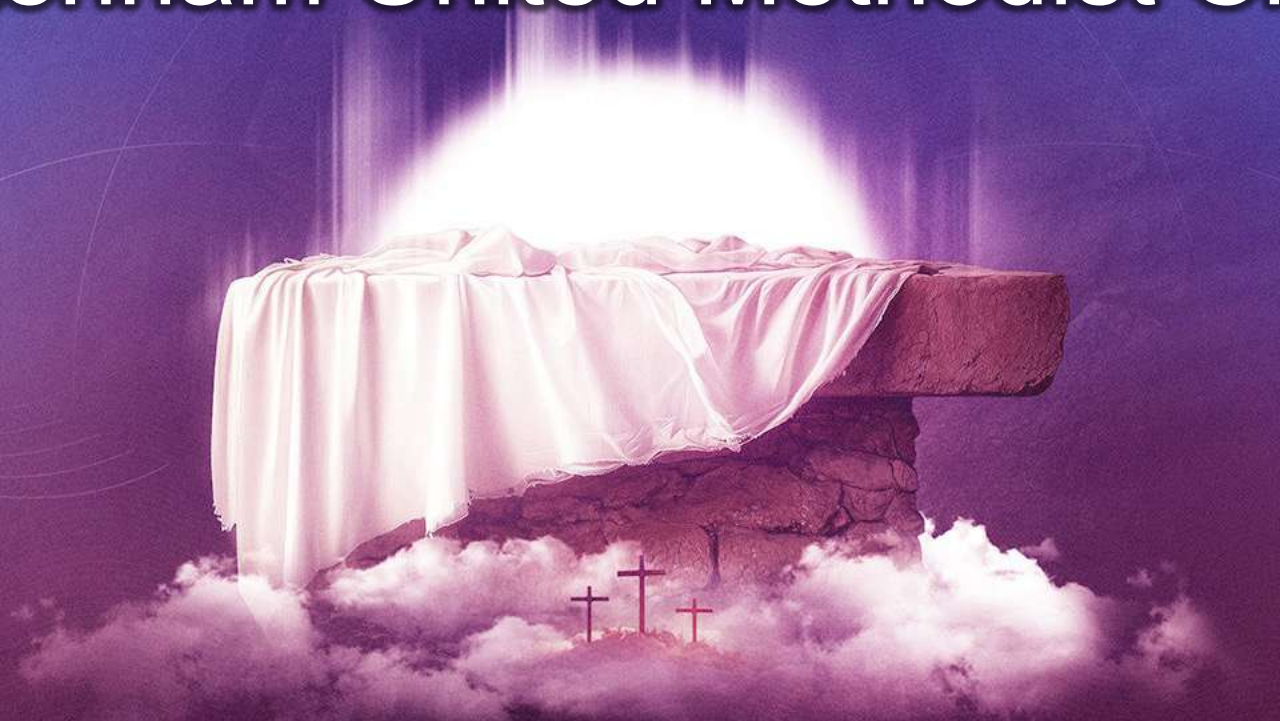


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UPDATES

MAKE A NOTE

Monday, April 27, 2026

Monday Methodists 9am

Knitting Circle 10am

Pastor's Vacation

April 16-30

Saturday, May 30, 2026

Spring Yard Sale



ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

in May of 2026

Anniversary

1 Denise and David Millett

7 Meredith Flippen, Michael and Crystal Reed

12 Jeff and Chiara Griffith

19 Sara and Ryan Windsor

30 Daein Park and Juyoun Hong

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

in May of 2026

Birthday

3 Leslie Hart

8 Joshua Rawlings

14 Doug House

17 Kaela Rawlings

22 Jimmy Aist

27 Cheryl Johnson

7 Rebekah Rawlings

13 Gaon Park

15 Brenda Bowen

19 Liliana Easter

24 Lucy Easter

29 Gay Topper

The Birthday Song

A happy birthday to you
a happy birthday to you;
May you feel Jesus near
every day of the year.
A happy birthday to you
a happy birthday to you;
The best you have ever known!



GREETING (Psalm 57:1-3)

L: Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me,
for in you I take refuge.

**P: I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings
until the disaster has passed.**

L: I cry out to God Most High, to God,
who fulfills his purpose for me.

**P: He sends from heaven and saves me,
rebuking those who hotly pursue me.**

A: God sends his love and his faithfulness.

PRAYER (Wesley's Covenant Prayer, UMH 607)

I am no longer my own, but thine.

**Put me to what thou wilt,
rank me with whom thou wilt.**

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

**Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low by thee.**

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

PRAYER (Wesley's Covenant Prayer, UMH 607)

**I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.**

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

**And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.**

Amen.



Here I Am, Lord

UMH 593

Words: Dan Schutte (1981) (Is. 6:8)

Music: Dan Schutte (1981);

adapt. By Carlton R. Young, 1988

Tune: HERE I AM, LORD

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I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

“Here I Am, Lord” v.1

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them,
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

“Here I Am, Lord” v.2

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

“Here I Am, Lord” v.3

+PASSING OF THE PEACE



SPECIAL MUSIC

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

A central image of a stone tomb with a white shroud draped over it. The tomb is set on a cloud, and three crosses are visible on the ground below. The background is a dark blue and purple gradient with faint circular patterns.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

*Writer: Ken Medema (1973)
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“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”



LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come; thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses**

**As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH 454

Words: Clara H. Scott, 1895

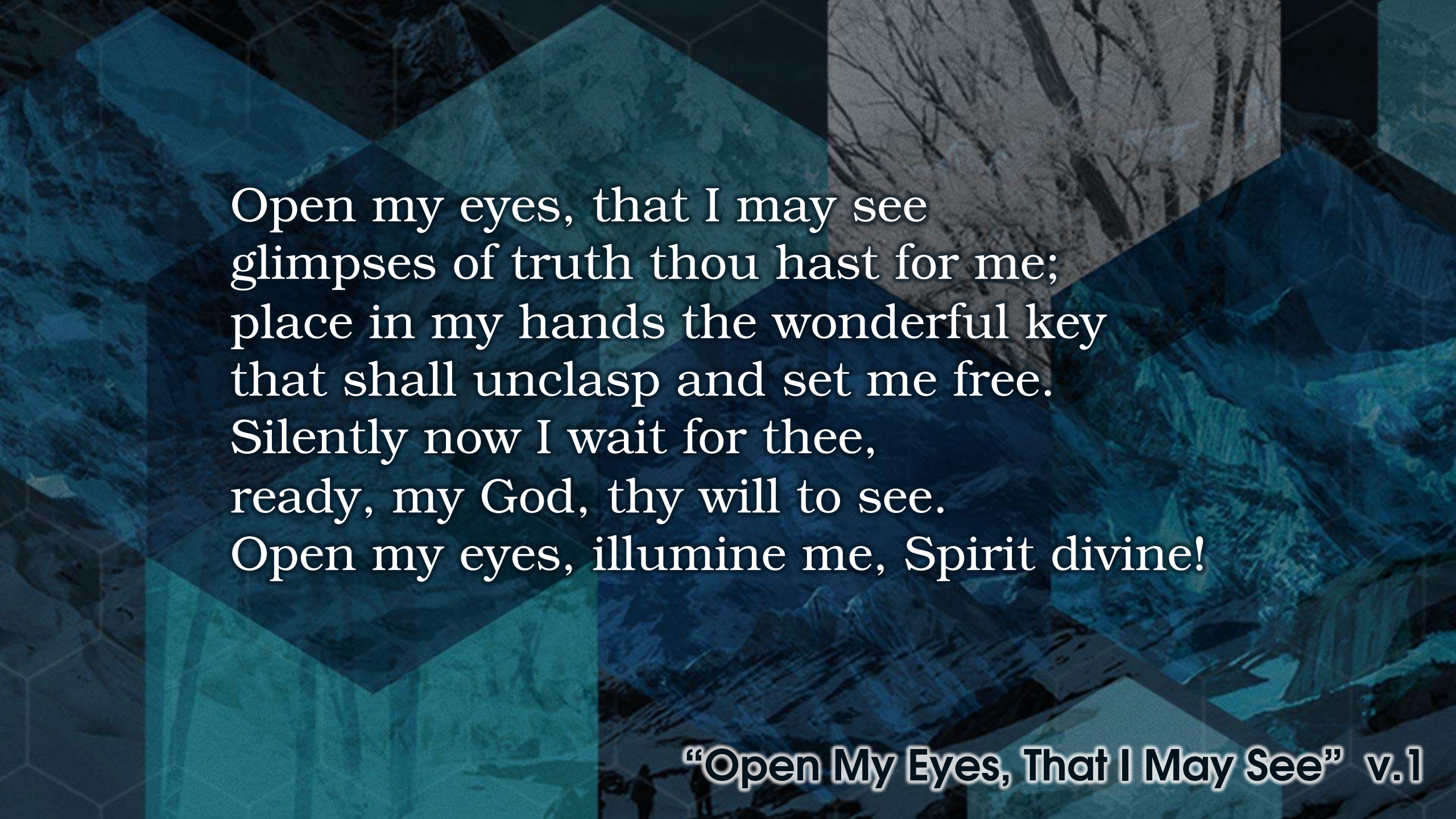
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Tune: OPEN MY EYES

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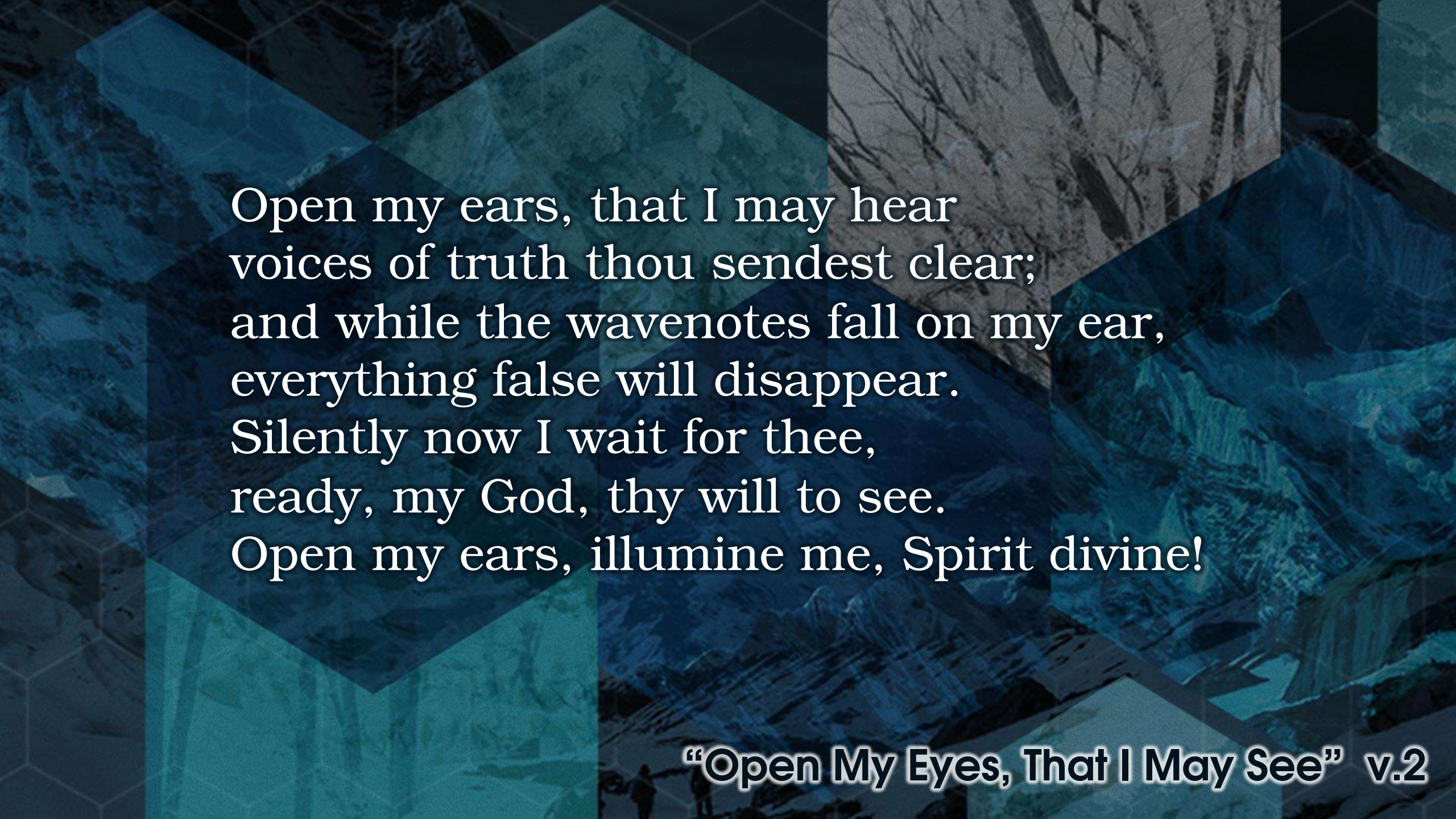
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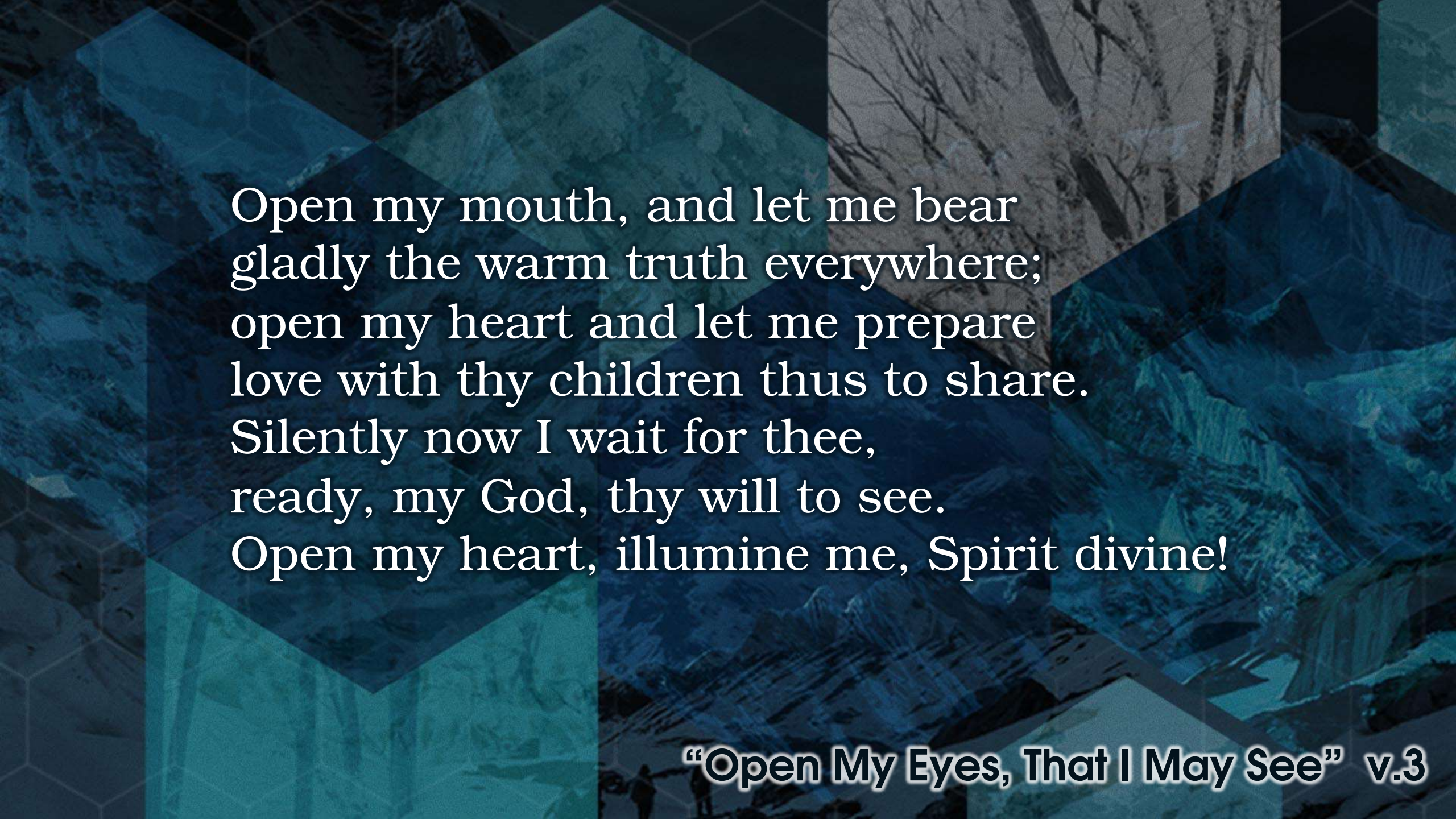
Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

“Open My Eyes, That I May See” v.1



Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

“Open My Eyes, That I May See” v.2



Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

“Open My Eyes, That I May See” v.3

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 33:7-11 NIV

⁷ Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the “tent of meeting.” Anyone inquiring of the LORD would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. ⁸ And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent. ⁹ As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the LORD spoke with Moses.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 33:7-11 NIV

10 Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to their tent.

11 The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

James 5:13-20 NIV

13 Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. **14** Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. **15** And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

James 5:13-20 NIV

16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

17 Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. **18** Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

James 5:13-20 NIV

19 My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, **20** remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

John 14:15-21 NIV

15 “If you love me, keep my commands. **16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— **17** the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. **18** I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

John 14:15-21 NIV

19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

SERMON

Hello, It is me, Lord

Jeff Griffith

OFFERTORY “In the Garden”

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER





Sweet Hour of Prayer

UMH 496

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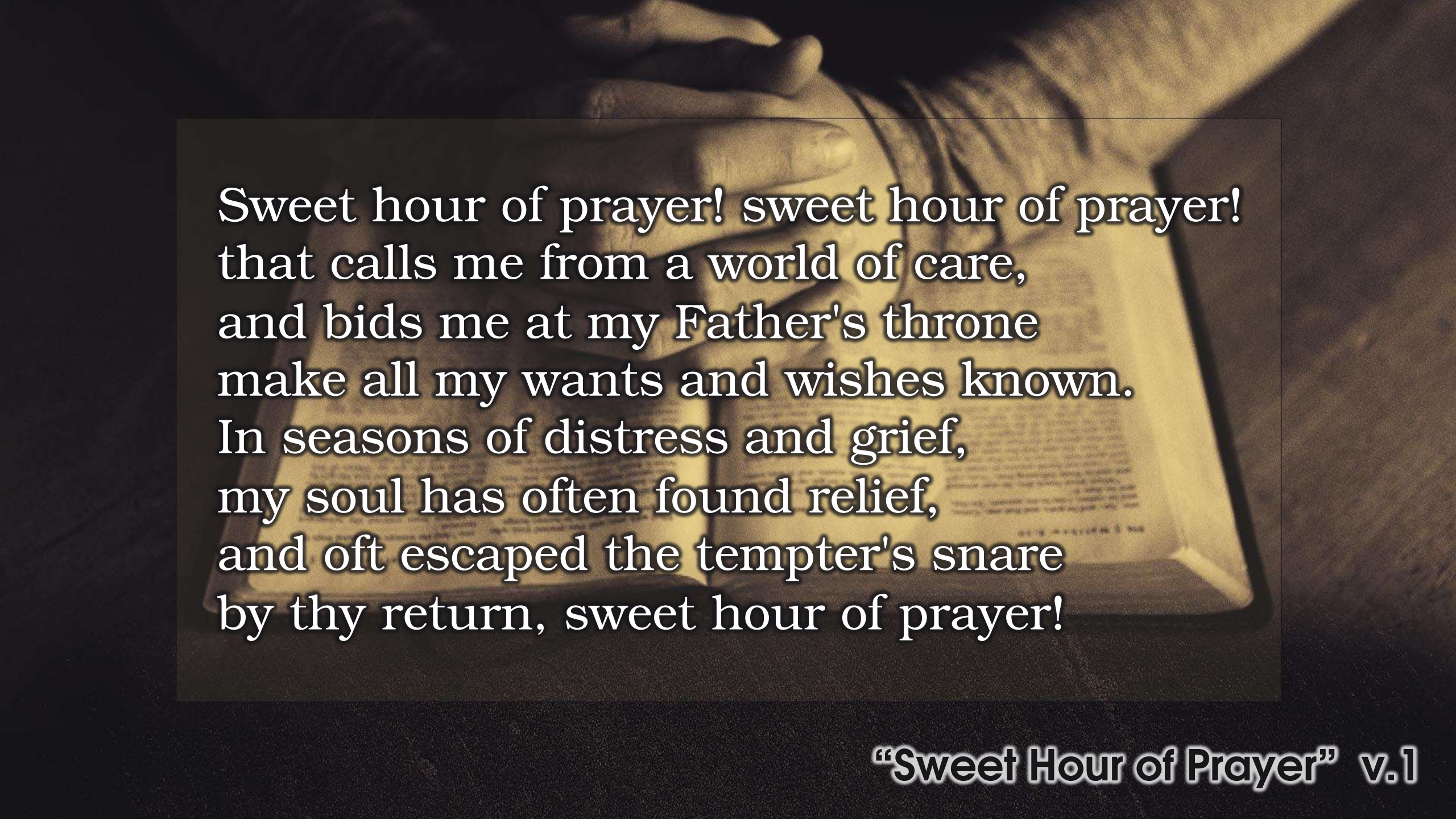
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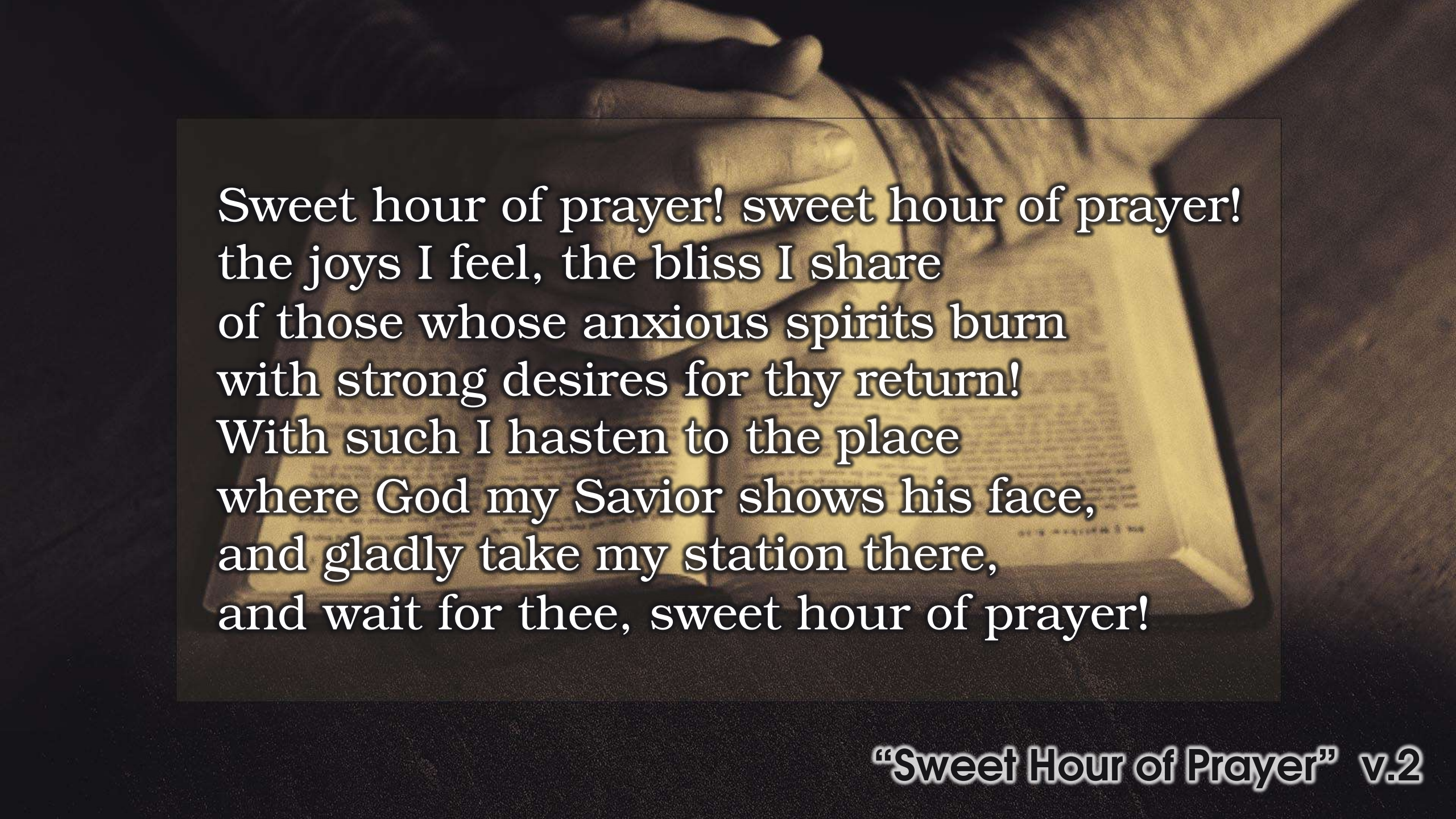
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A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer, resting on an open book. The lighting is warm and soft, highlighting the texture of the book's pages and the person's skin. The background is dark and out of focus.

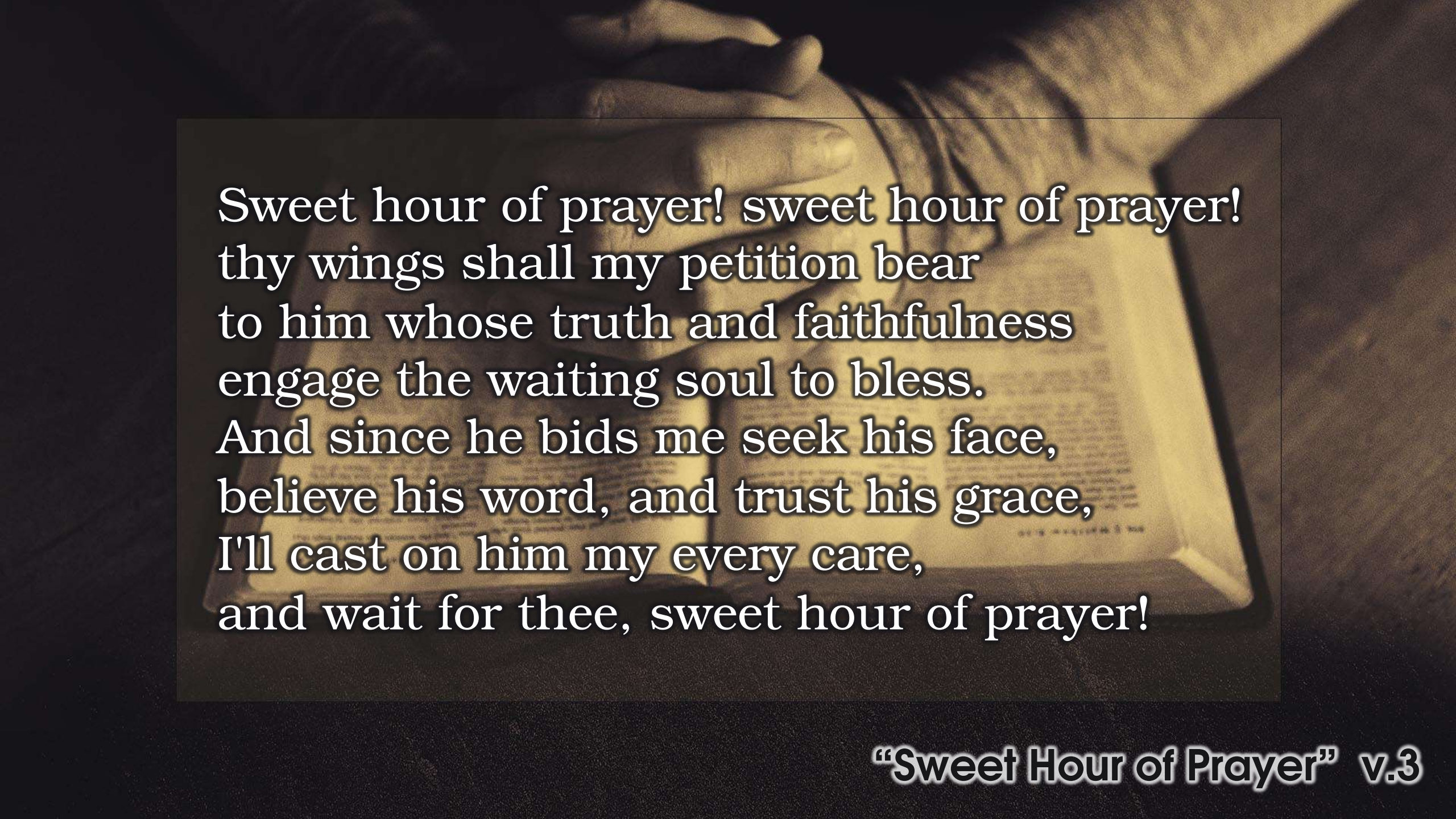
Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” v.1



Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” v.2

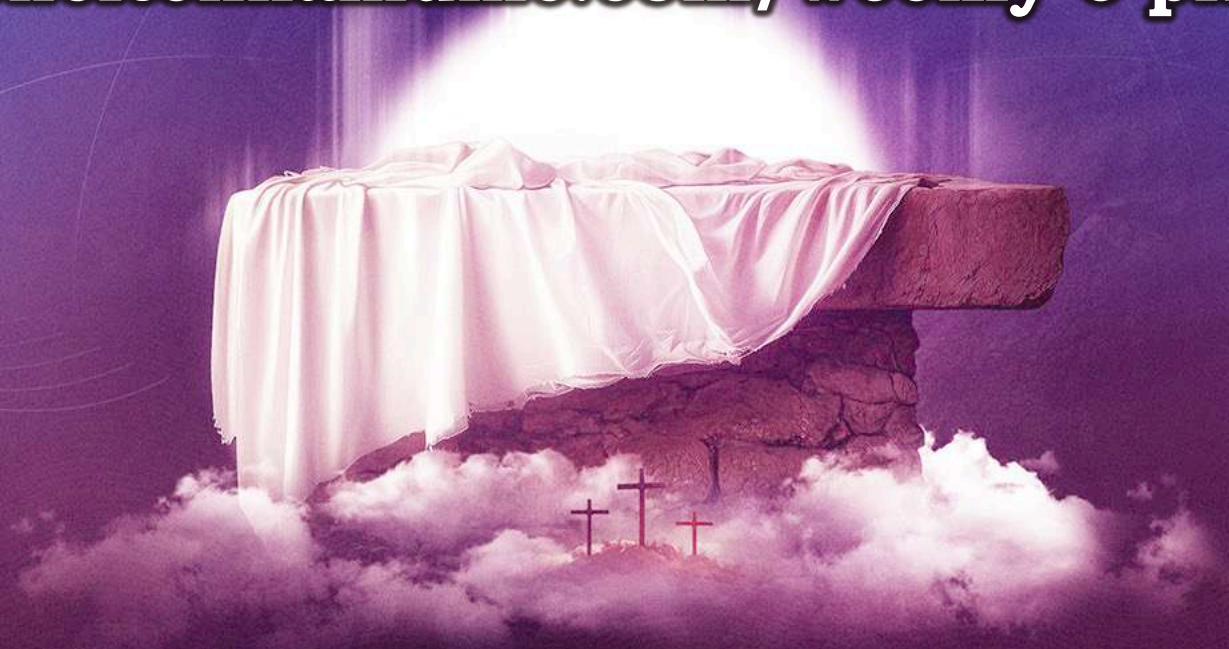
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Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” v.3

+CLOSING PRAYER

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