

# GOD'S KINGDOM IS NEAR



*So also, when you see these things taking place,  
you know that the kingdom of God is near.*

*Luke 21:31 ESV*

## **Song: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms** - *Elisha A. Hoffman*

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Leader: We will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” Jesus told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near.**

**All: So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.**

**Leader:** “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

**All:** But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.” *Luke 21:27-36 ESV*

**Song: Lord Open Now My Heart to Hear** - *Johannes Olearius*  
*Matthias Loy*

Lord, open now my heart to hear  
And through Your Word to me draw near;  
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain,  
Let me Your child and heir remain.

Your Word does deeply move the heart,  
Your Word does perfect health impart,  
Your Word my soul with joy does bless,  
Your Word brings peace and happiness.

To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Shall glory, praise, and honor be  
Now and throughout eternity.

## **Message**

### **Prayers and The 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 and ever. Amen

## **Song: Wonderful Words of Life** - *Philip P. Bliss*

Sing them over again to me; Wonderful words of life;  
Let me more of their beauty see, Wonderful words of life;  
Words of life and beauty, Teach me faith and duty:  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of life;  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of life.

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all, Wonderful words of life;  
Sinner, list to the loving call, Wonderful words of life;  
All so freely given, Wooing us to heaven:  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of life;  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of life.

Sweetly echo the gospel call, Wonderful words of life;  
Offer pardon and peace to all, Wonderful words of life;  
Jesus, only Savior, Sanctify forever,  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of life;  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of life.

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to  
shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His  
countenance upon you and give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26 ESV*

## **Doxology** - *Thomas Ken*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Fathers, Son, and Holy Ghost.