We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing Hymnal 1982 no. 433

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We gather together

to ask the Lord’s blessing;

he chastens and hastens

his will to make known;

the wicked oppressing

now cease from distressing:

sing praises to his Name;

he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us,

our God with us joining,

ordaining, maintaining

his kingdom divine;

so from the beginning

the fight we were winning:

thou, Lord, wast at our side:

all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee,

thou leader triumphant,

and pray that thou still

our defender wilt be.

Let thy congregation

escape tribulation:

thy Name be ever praised!

O Lord, make us free!

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