

Resources for First Week

Ancient Words

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Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the Ancient words impart.

Words of Life, words of Hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us Home.

Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our Faith
Handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.

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Psalm 119:169-176

- ¹⁶⁹ May my cry come before you, LORD;
give me understanding according to your word.
- ¹⁷⁰ May my supplication come before you;
deliver me according to your promise.
- ¹⁷¹ May my lips overflow with praise,
for you teach me your decrees.
- ¹⁷² May my tongue sing of your word,
for all your commands are righteous.
- ¹⁷³ May your hand be ready to help me,
for I have chosen your precepts.
- ¹⁷⁴ I long for your salvation, LORD,
and your law gives me delight.
- ¹⁷⁵ Let me live that I may praise you,
and may your laws sustain me.
- ¹⁷⁶ I have strayed like a lost sheep.
Seek your servant,
for I have not forgotten your commands.

Vitality Pathway Prayer for My Church

Heavenly Father, please help me to understand
that my church is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly if I am.

It will be holy if I am.

It's chairs will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a
generous giver.

It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith,
of compassions, charity and mercy, if I, who make it what is is,
am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself
to the task of being all things that I want my church to be.

Amen.

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