

HYMN TEXT

A Lenten Hymn

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BLESS, O GOD, THE LENTEN JOURNEY

Bless, O God, the lenten journey
which your people undertake;
in the desert of temptation
give us faith you'll not forsake.

Strengthen us to resist evil
and deliver from the snares
that would trap and blind our vision;
let us not be unaware.

Help us see the things that bind us,
and sincere confession bring;
give us willingness to conquer
sins that to our nature cling.

Grant us mercy and forgiveness;
set us free from guilt and shame,
that we journey on rejoicing,
peace and joy restored again.

Guide us through the arid places
to the stream where waters flow,
that in quenching of our thirsting,
we may strength and courage know.

Nourish us with Christ's own Spirit;
make us firm in faith to be
ever loyal, true disciples,
serving Jesus faithfully.

May the prayer and praise we offer
flow from hearts of gratitude
for your grace and loving kindness,
ever old and ever new.

And as your good way we travel, keep us brave and keep us strong in the journey with the Savior,
'til he takes us safely home.