

In Loving Memory

Dallas Albert Willard



**“Discovered America”
September 4, 1935**

**Entered Into the Joy of His Master
May 8, 2013**

Nothing can make up for the absence
of someone whom we love
and it would be wrong to try to find a substitute;
we must simply hold out and see it through.

That sounds very hard at first,
but at the same time it is a great consolation,
for the gap, as long as it remains unfilled,
preserves the bonds between us.

It is nonsense to say that God fills the gap;
God does not fill it, but on the contrary,
God keeps it empty and so helps us
to keep alive our former communion with each other,
even at the cost of great pain.

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Our family has been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love you have shown us during this time. We cannot begin to express our gratitude. We hope you will join us now in taking what we've learned from Dallas and continuing his work.

An additional thank you to those who have contributed their time and talents to our gathering today, to the Church on the Way staff for graciously sharing their facilities with us, and to Pastor Bill Dwyer who stayed with us so closely in this difficult season.

*With much love,
The Willard Family*



Memorial Celebration

May 25, 2013

Welcome & Opening Prayer - Jack Hayford

Greeting from the Family - Becky Heatley

Comments from Bill Dwyer

Hymn: *Never Alone*

Comments from Richard Foster

Comments from Larissa Heatley

Photographic Tribute

Comments from J. P. Moreland

Video Moment with Dallas

Hymn: *Lead Kindly Light*

Comments from John Ortberg

Hymn: *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

Benediction

For the godly, death is nothing. Have no fear of those who can only kill the body, Jesus says (Matt. 10:28). We will not even experience death (John 8:51-52) and will, in fact, not die (John 11:26)...Such is the understanding of the New Testament as a whole. Those who live in reliance upon the word and person of Jesus, and know by experience the reality of his kingdom, are always better off "dead," from the personal point of view...we live in the knowledge that, as Paul elsewhere says, "Jesus the Anointed has abolished death and has, through the gospel, made life and immortality obvious" (2 Tim 1:10)

The Divine Conspiracy, pp. 393-394

Lead, Kindly Light

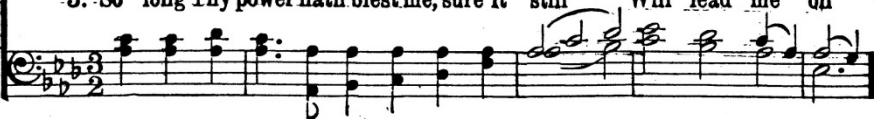
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1. Lead, kind-ly Light, a-mid th'en-cir-cling gloom, Lead Thou me on!
 2. I was not ev - er thus, nor prayed that Thou Shouldst lead me on;
 3. So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still Will lead me on



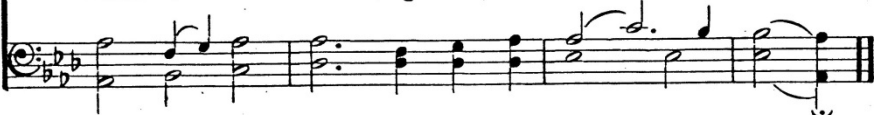

The night is dark, and I am far from home; Lead Thou me on!
 I loved to choose and see my path; but now Lead Thou me on!
 O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and tor-rent, till The night is gone,




Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
 I loved the gar - ish day, and, spite of fears,
 And with the morn those an - gel fa - ces smile,




The dis - tant scene; one step e - nough for me.
 Pride ruled my will. Re - mem - ber not past years.
 Which I have loved long since, and lost a - while!



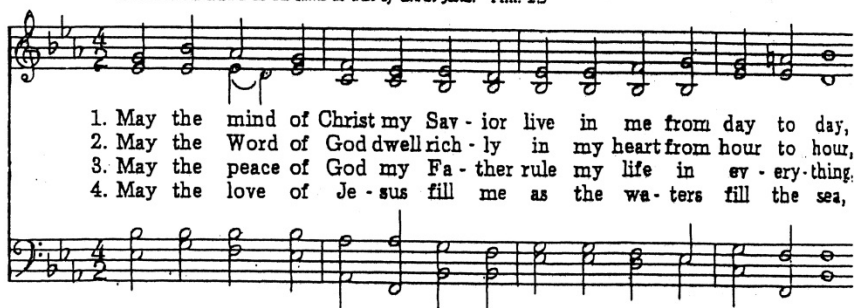
4. Meantime, along the narrow rugged path, Thyself hast trod,
 Lead, Savior, lead me home in childlike faith, Home to my God.
 To rest forever after earthly strife, In the calm light of everlasting life.

The Lord's Prayer

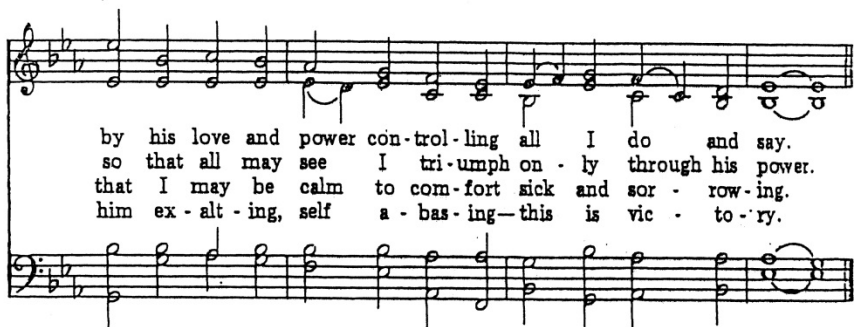
Dear Father always near us,
 May your name be treasured and loved,
 May your rule be completed in us—
 May your will be done here on earth
 In just the way it is done in heaven.
 Give us today the things we need today,
 And forgive us our sins and impositions on you
 As we are forgiving all who in any way offend us.
 Please don't put us through trials, but deliver us from everything bad.
 Because you are the one in charge,
 And you have all the power,
 And the glory too is all yours—forever—
 Which is just the way we want it!

560 May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Phil. 2:5



1. May the mind of Christ my Sav - ior live in me from day to day,
 2. May the Word of God dwell rich - ly in my heart from hour to hour,
 3. May the peace of God my Fa - ther rule my life in ev - ery - thing,
 4. May the love of Je - sus fill me as the wa - ters fill the sea,



by his love and power con - trol - ling all I do and say.
 so that all may see I tri - umph on - ly through his power.
 that I may be calm to com - fort sick and sor - row - ing.
 him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing—this is vic - to - ry.

5. May I run the race before me,
 strong and brave to face the foe,
 looking only unto Jesus
 as I onward go.

6. May his beauty rest upon me
 as I seek the lost to win,
 and may they forget the channel,
 seeing only him.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be sent to
Water for Life - a ministry of LIFE Outreach International.

Water for Life, PO Box 982000, Fort Worth, TX 76182;
or online at www.lifetoday.org/willard

The Willard family will be made aware of each individual gift.



Dr. Willard's Work in the Divine Conspiracy Will Continue...

The Dallas Willard Center for Spiritual Formation, established in 2011

Dallas has said that the spiritual formation field lacks intellectual rigor and testable information needed to put the Gospel and spiritual life in Christ on the cognitive map for the multitudes of people who are hungry for something real. *The Martin Institute and Dallas Willard Center* have been founded at Westmont College for the purpose of helping to establish the field of Christian spiritual formation as a discipline of public knowledge and enhancing opportunities for meaningful spiritual dialogue throughout the world. The vision of *MI/DWC* is to place an enduring emphasis on the literary, historical and Christian heritage of Dallas and others in the modern spiritual formation movement. Contact Gary Moon at gmoon@westmont.edu for more information.

Dallas Willard Ministries: Life In The Kingdom Now, established in 2013

Dallas Willard Ministries is the next generation of DWillard.org. This family-run website has been providing free Christian and Philosophical materials and recommendations, speaker referrals and answers to questions about Dallas' teaching for over 12 years. Dallas gave his blessing to the creation of this non-profit organization to ensure that this work would continue and expand. *DWM* is dedicated to helping everyone live in the kingdom of God now, by providing discipleship and disciple-making resources to pastors, philosophers, teachers and all students of the Gospel. Contact Bill Heatley at bill@dwillard.org for more information.

These two ministries are partnering together to continue the good Kingdom work the Lord has started through Dallas. Our goal is to build and strengthen true *knowledge* of Christ throughout the world.