

Now Let Us Come Before Him  
Paul Gerhardt, 1653.  
Nikolaus Selnecker, 1587.

Now let us come before Him,  
With song and prayer adore Him,  
Who to our life hath given  
All needed strength from Heaven.

The stream of years is flowing,  
And we are onward going,  
From old to new surviving  
And by His mercy thriving.

In woe we often languish  
And pass through times of anguish  
Of wars and trepidation  
Alarming every nation.

As mothers watch are keeping  
O'er children who are sleeping,  
Their fear and grief assuaging  
When angry storms are waging.

So God His own is shielding  
And help to them is yielding.  
When need and woe distress them,  
His loving arms caress them.

O Thou who dost not slumber,  
Remove what would encumber  
Our work, which prospers never  
Unless Thou bless it ever.

O God of mercy, hear us;  
Our Father, be Thou near us;  
Mid crosses and in sadness  
Be Thou our fount of gladness.

To all who bow before Thee  
And for Thy grace implore Thee,  
Oh, grant Thy benediction  
And patience in affliction.

Be Thou a Helper speedy  
To all the poor and needy,  
To all forlorn a Father;  
Thine erring children gather.

Be with the sick and ailing,  
Their Comforter unailing;  
Dispelling grief and sadness,  
Oh, give them joy and gladness!

Above all else, Lord, send us  
Thy Spirit to attend us,  
Within our hearts abiding,  
To Heav'n our footsteps guiding.

All this Thy hand bestoweth,  
Thou Life, whence our life floweth.  
To all Thy name confessing

