

**Lead us, O Father, in the paths of peace**

Lead us, O Father, in the paths of peace;  
without thy guiding hand we go astray,  
and doubts appall, and sorrows still increase;  
lead us through Christ, the true and living Way.

Lead us, O Father, in the paths of truth;  
unhelped by thee, in error's maze we grope,  
while passion strains, and folly dims our youth,  
and age comes on, uncheered by faith and hope.

Lead us, O Father, in the paths of right;  
blindly we stumble when we walk alone,  
involved in shadows of a darksome night;  
only with thee we journey safely on.

Lead us, O Father, to thy heavenly rest,  
however rough and steep the pathway be;  
through joy or sorrow, as thou deemest best,  
until our lives are perfected in thee.

Words: William Henry Burleigh, 1868

Music: Song 22, Langran

Meter: 10 10 10 10