



Anthem: "Thy Will Be Done"

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Anthem Text

Sometimes the load is heavy, and sometimes the road is long.
And sometimes, Lord, this heart of mine is not so very strong.
But Thy will be done, Lord, Thy will be done.

Father, I do not ask You to take this cup from me.
I only ask Your guidance o'er paths I cannot see.
And Thy will be done, Lord, Thy will be done.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav'n.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the pow'r and the glory, forever, Amen.

Now, Lord, I feel You near me, I feel Your guiding pow'r.
And know You're standing by me through ev'ry passing hour.
And Thy will be done, Lord, Thy will be done.

In different ways and at various times, we all have had heavy loads to carry, long roads ahead, and a not so very strong heart as stated in the first three lines of the anthem. God is the provider of strength, hope, and peace through various ways:

The Holy Bible: There are scriptures which are encouraging, uplifting, calming. Using a Bible's concordance, one can find such scriptures; some examples are: Psalm 62:8; John 14:1; Philippians 4:6-7.

The Model of Jesus' Experience and Personal Prayer: Anthem lines 4-6 are familiar words from Matthew 26:39. Jesus prayed in the garden when facing his arrest, physical beatings, and crucifixion. After asking that the cup be taken from him, Jesus asked for His Father's will, rather than His own.

The Prayer Jesus Taught His Followers: In anthem lines 7-12 is the Lord's Prayer from Matthew 6:9-13. In it are three petitions for personal needs; however, first and foremost in the prayer is the declaration of God's holiness and the petition for God's kingdom to come and for His will to be done. "...for his kingdom comes when His will is done. The kingdom of God is for those who *do* the will of God."

from Matthew 6:10 footnote, *Disciple's Study Bible*.

Lastly, the anthem's final three lines reflect the strength, hope, and peace found in God's presence, in His will, in His Son, in His Scripture, and in His promises.

Prayer: Pray the Lord's Prayer. Then return to the first lines of praise and to the petition for God's kingdom now and for all time. Think on what that means to you, our community, our nation, our world.