A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Quartet

A mighty Fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our Helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not His equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is He—
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him—
His rage we can endure, For, lo, his doom is sure:
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours,
through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also—
The body they may kill; God’s truth abideth still:
His kingdom is forever.

Eternal God Our Father
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Eternal God, the All-in-all, our Father,
We lift our hearts in joyous song to Thee:
From age to age Thy name doth stand exalted,
Thy glory fills earth, sky, and sea.
Almighty One, creative Mind, immortal,
Which was and is and ever shall be.

Dear God of Love, eternal good, our Savior,
Supply our need, our every need each day:
Teach us to love, as Thou dost love, our neighbor,
Purge us from sin and self, we pray.
Thy kingdom come, in all the earth as heaven,
Be Thou our guide, our hope our stay.

In pastures green, by waters still, lead onward,
Till we shall know that good alone is here.
Help us to prove, as Jesus proved before us,
Truth casts out sin, disease and fear.
And may Thy Word abide with us forever,
O Lord of Life, O Love most dear.
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou art mighty—hold me with Thy powerful hand: Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me 'til I want no more, Feed me 'til I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through: Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I reach the river Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; Bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan's side: Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. 2 (This was after King Jehoiachin and the queen mother, the court officials and the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the skilled workers and the artisans had gone into exile from Jerusalem.) 3 He entrusted the letter to Elasah son of Shaphan and to Gemariah son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to King Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon. It said:

4 This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. 6 Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. 7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

8 Yes, this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. 9 They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them,” declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 29:11
For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

1 Peter 1:1
Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia