

## RE Text Source 1:

### Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name

#### 1a—Family Quotes

“Family is not an important thing. It’s everything.” –Michael J. Fox

“The family is one of nature’s masterpieces.” – George Santayana

“You don’t choose your family. They are God’s gift to you, as you are to them.” — Desmond Tutu

“In time of test, family is best.” – Burmese Proverb

“Rejoice with your family in the beautiful land of life.” – Albert Einstein

“What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family.” — Mother Teresa

"Life is beautiful. It's about giving. It's about family." - Walt Disney

#### 1b—Bible quotes

- As a father is kind to his children, so the LORD is kind to those who honour him. Psalm 103: 13
- My child, pay attention to what your father and mother tell you. 9 Their teaching will improve your character as a handsome turban or a necklace improves your appearance. Proverbs 1:8
- Wise children make their fathers proud of them; foolish ones bring their mothers grief. Proverbs 10
- But you are our father, Lord. We are like clay, and you are like the potter. Isaiah 64:8
- ... become the children of your Father in heaven. For he makes his sun to shine on bad and good people alike, and gives rain to those who do good and to those who do evil. Matthew 5:45
- Look at the birds: they do not plant seeds, gather a harvest and put it in barns; yet your Father in heaven takes care of them! Aren't you worth much more than birds? Can any of you live a bit longer by worrying about it? Matthew 6: 26-27
- He purifies people from their sins, and both he and those who are made pure all have the same Father. Hebrews 2: 11
- May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. Galatians 1:3
- I wanted to put my arms around all your people, just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you would not let me! Matthew 23:37

## Text Source 2

### From Genesis Chapter 12

<sup>6</sup> Then God said, “And now we will make human beings; they will be like us and resemble us. They will have power over the fish, the birds, and all animals, domestic and wild,<sup>[d]</sup> large and small.” <sup>27</sup> So God created human beings, making them to be like himself. He created them male and female, <sup>28</sup> blessed them, and said, “Have many children, so that your descendants will live all over the earth and bring it under their control. I am putting you in charge of the fish, the birds, and all the wild animals. <sup>29</sup> I have provided all kinds of grain and all kinds of fruit for you to eat; <sup>30</sup> but for all the wild animals and for all the birds I have provided grass and leafy plants for food”—and it was done. <sup>31</sup> God looked at everything he had made, and he was very pleased. Evening passed and morning came—that was the sixth day.

From Revelation Chapter 21 and 22

The Holy City ... shone like a precious stone, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall with twelve gates ... There were three gates on each side: three on the east, three on the south, three on the north, and three on the west. The city was perfectly square, as wide as it was long. The angel measured the city with his measuring stick: it was fifteen hundred miles long and was as wide and as high as it was long. The wall was made of jasper, and the city itself was made of pure gold, as clear as glass. The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with all kinds of precious stones. The first foundation stone was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh yellow quartz, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chalcedony, the eleventh turquoise, the twelfth amethyst. The twelve gates were twelve pearls; each gate was made from a single pearl. The street of the city was of pure gold, transparent as glass.

The city has no need of the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God shines on it, and the Lamb is its lamp. The peoples of the world will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their wealth into it. The gates of the city will stand open all day; they will never be closed, because there will be no night there. The greatness and the wealth of the nations will be brought into the city. But nothing that is impure will enter the city, nor anyone who does shameful things or tells lies.

The angel also showed me the river of the water of life, sparkling like crystal ... and flowing down the middle of the city's street. On each side of the river was the tree of life, which bears fruit twelve times a year, once each month; and its leaves are for the healing of the nations.

### From Psalm 8

**8** O Lord, our Lord,

your greatness is seen in all the world!

Your praise reaches up to the heavens;

<sup>2</sup> it is sung by children and babies.

You are safe and secure from all your enemies;

you stop anyone who opposes you.

<sup>3</sup> When I look at the sky, which you have made,

at the moon and the stars, which you set in their places—

<sup>4</sup> what are human beings, that you think of them;

mere mortals, that you care for them?

<sup>5</sup> Yet you made them inferior only to yourself;<sup>[b]</sup>

you crowned them with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup> You appointed them rulers over everything you made;

you placed them over all creation:

<sup>7</sup> sheep and cattle, and the wild animals too;

<sup>8</sup> the birds and the fish and the creatures in the seas.

<sup>9</sup> O Lord, our Lord,

your greatness is seen in all the world!

## Text Source 3

### Give us today our daily bread

#### Matthew 14

... his disciples came to him and said, "It is already very late, and this is a lonely place. Send the people away and let them go to the villages to buy food for themselves."

<sup>16</sup> "They don't have to leave," answered Jesus. "You yourselves give them something to eat!"

<sup>17</sup> "All we have here are five loaves and two fish," they replied.

<sup>18</sup> "Then bring them here to me," Jesus said. <sup>19</sup> He ordered the people to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven, and gave thanks to God. He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. <sup>20</sup> Everyone ate and had enough. Then the disciples took up twelve baskets full of what was left over. <sup>21</sup> The number of men who ate was about five thousand, not counting the women and children.

#### Matthew 26

26 While they were eating, Jesus took a piece of bread, gave a prayer of thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples. "Take and eat it," he said; "this is my body."

27 Then he took a cup, gave thanks to God, and gave it to them. "Drink it, all of you," he said; 28 "this is my blood, which seals God's covenant, my blood poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

#### Eucharist

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

## Text Source 4

### **Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us, lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil**

#### Matthew 4

4 Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the Devil. 2 After spending forty days and nights without food, Jesus was hungry. 3 Then the Devil came to him and said, "If you are God's Son, order these stones to turn into bread."

4 But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, 'Human beings cannot live on bread alone, but need every word that God speaks.'"

5 Then the Devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, the Holy City, set him on the highest point of the Temple, 6 and said to him, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, for the scripture says,

'God will give orders to his angels about you; they will hold you up with their hands, so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stones.'"

7 Jesus answered, "But the scripture also says, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

8 Then the Devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in all their greatness. 9 "All this I will give you," the Devil said, "if you kneel down and worship me."

10 Then Jesus answered, "Go away, Satan! The scripture says, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!'"

11 Then the Devil left Jesus; and angels came and helped him.

#### Luke 4

Jesus returned from the Jordan full of the Holy Spirit and was led by the Spirit into the desert, <sup>2</sup> where he was tempted by the Devil for forty days. In all that time he ate nothing, so that he was hungry when it was over.

<sup>3</sup> The Devil said to him, "If you are God's Son, order this stone to turn into bread."

<sup>4</sup> But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, 'Human beings cannot live on bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup> Then the Devil took him up and showed him in a second all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> "I will give you all this power and all this wealth," the Devil told him. "It has all been handed over to me, and I can give it to anyone I choose. <sup>7</sup> All this will be yours, then, if you worship me."

<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "The scripture says, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!'"

<sup>9</sup> Then the Devil took him to Jerusalem and set him on the highest point of the Temple, and said to him, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup> For the scripture says, 'God will order his angels to take good care of you.' <sup>11</sup> It also says, 'They will hold you up with their hands so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stones.'"

<sup>12</sup> But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

13 When the Devil finished tempting Jesus in every way, he left him for a while.

## Text Source 5

### **For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen**

#### Five Marks of mission

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

#### **The Methodist Calling**

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission

#### **Worship**

The Church exists to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love

#### **Learning and Caring**

The Church exists to help people to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care

#### **Service**

The Church exists to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice

#### **Evangelism**

The Church exists to make more followers of Jesus Christ

A Methodist Way of Life is a rhythm of discipleship that helps us to put this commitment into practice, as individuals and communities.

#### Matthew 25

31 "When the Son of Man comes as King and all the angels with him, he will sit on his royal throne, 32 and the people of all the nations will be gathered before him. Then he will divide them into two groups, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the righteous people at his right and the others at his left. 34 Then the King will say to the people on his right, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world. 35 I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, 36 naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.' 37 The righteous will then answer him, 'When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? 38 When did we ever see you a stranger and welcome you in our homes, or naked and clothe you? 39 When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?' 40 The King will reply, 'I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!'

## RE Text Source 6

Isaiah 66

<sup>12</sup>The LORD says, "I will bring you lasting prosperity; the wealth of the nations will flow to you like a river that never goes dry. You will be like a child that is nursed by its mother, carried in her arms, and treated with love. <sup>13</sup>I will comfort you in Jerusalem, as a mother comforts her child

"As truly as God is our Father, so truly God is our Mother."

"Our Savior is our true Mother in whom we are endlessly born and out of whom we shall never come."

Julian of Norwich

### Luke 15:8-10 God as woman looking for her lost coin

Jesus: "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Hosea 11

The Lord says,

"When Israel was a child, I loved him  
and called him out of Egypt as my son.

<sup>2</sup>But the more I called to him,  
the more he turned away from me.

My people sacrificed to Baal;  
they burned incense to idols.

<sup>3</sup>Yet I was the one who taught Israel to walk.

I took my people up in my arms,  
but they did not acknowledge that I took care  
of them.

<sup>4</sup>I drew them to me with affection and love.  
I picked them up and held them to my cheek;  
I bent down to them and fed them.