

Blessing for our Gathering

By Tonia Gutting

God of all power
Commander of the Heavenly Armies
Leader of Your people

We look to You, our source of all hope,
All joy, all love.
Make us like You,
Use us to do Your work in bringing Your
kingdom.

We will watch for prayers
To win over self-sufficiency
For joy to overtake sadness
For rest to quiet exhaustion
For light to pierce darkness
For hope to conquer all hopelessness
For peace to win over chaos
For love to trounce hate

We take up these weapons You give us.
We gather to stop isolation
We learn and teach to break the lies
We share our bread to break the need
We pray to strengthen the shield of spirit
We feast, we celebrate, we laugh at the brink
of darkness
For we see You in all Your glory at the end of
all times.

We praise You
For You made everything well
And it all will be well
And all is well.

We thank You
For these beautiful sister warriors.
Bless this time, this meal.
Be with us always.

In the name of the Almighty Father,
The victorious Son,
And the ever-moving Spirit.
Amen.

Sisters lock arms, step forward in joy,
For your God, your Savior,
Has already won.

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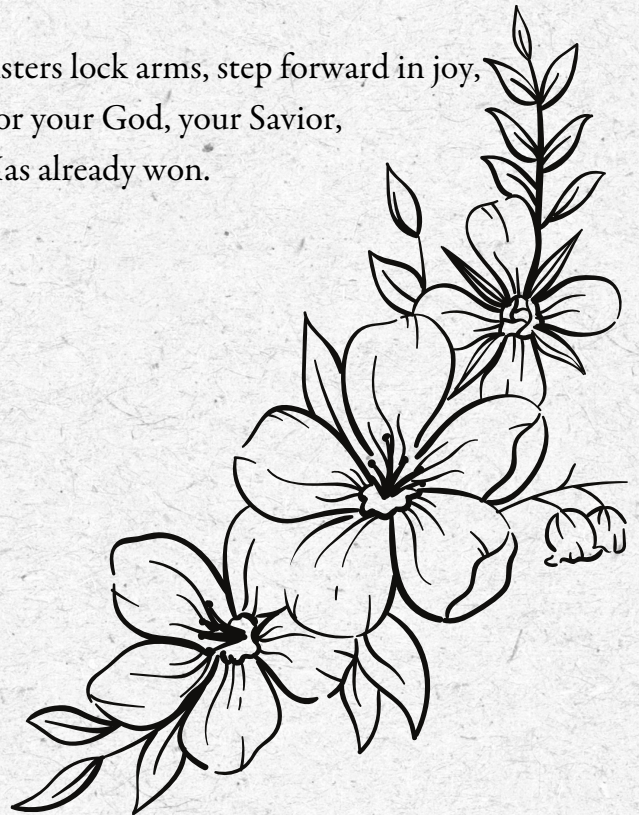
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