

# *Hymn Lyrics 9/22/24*

## *#17 SING PRAISE TO GOD, YOU HEAVENS!*

Sing praise to God, you heavens! Sing praise, each shining light!  
Sing, planets in your orbits; sing, stars all burning bright!  
Sing praise, you winds and tempests, you driving rain and snow!  
Sing, clouds that race and billow and shadow earth below!

Sing praise, O earth, sing praises! Sing praises, hill and plain,  
You mountains thrusting skyward, you valleys ripe with grain!  
Sing praise, each fragrant flower; your fairest hues display.  
Sing praise, you trees of autumn in glowing, glad array!

Sing praises, all you creatures in whom God takes delight:  
You whales that roam the oceans, you eagles in your flight!  
Sing praise, you sheep on hillsides, you cattle in the stall!  
Though wordless, sing your praises to God who made you all!

Sing praises now, God's people; your gift of speech employ  
To praise the Lord, your Maker, with thankfulness and joy!  
Sing with the whole creation; a cosmic chorus raise:  
"To God alone be glory and everlasting praise!"

## *#718 TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, THE SAVIOR SAID*

Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be;  
Take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and let your foolish pride be still;  
The Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and calmly every danger brave:  
It guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o'er the grave.

