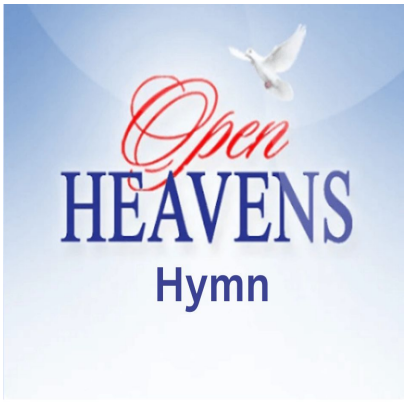

Open Heavens HYMN 7: I AM THINE O LORD

Description

This is **hymn 7 of the Open Heavens** daily devotion written by Pastor E. A. Adeboye, General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG).

Hymn 7: I AM THINE O LORD

1. I am Thine, O Lord
I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith
And be closer drawn to Thee.

Chorus:

Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.

2. Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine.

3. Oh the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God
I commune as friend with friend!

4. There are depths of love that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea;

There are heights of joy that I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with Thee.



I AM THINE O LORD HYMN COMMENTARY

Beloved in Christ, as we reflect on this tender and intimate hymn, â??I Am Thine, O Lord,â?• we move into the quiet chamber of personal devotion. This hymn is not a shout of warfare or a march of labor, but a gentle, yearning prayer of a heart that has been captured by grace and now desires nothing more than deeper, closer communion with its Savior. It expresses the heartbeat of every believer who longs for more of Jesus.

Why Sing This Hymn

We sing this hymn to give voice to our holy discontent with a distant or routine faith. It is the song of a soul that has tasted Godâ??s love and now craves the fullness of His presence. It transforms our prayer life from a list of requests into a pursuit of intimacy.

1. It is a Hymn of Secure Belonging and Holy Longing (Verse 1)
The hymn begins with the most wonderful confession a believer can make: **â??I am Thine, O Lord.â?•** This is the foundationâ??we belong to Him by grace, purchased by His blood. We have â??heard Thy voiceâ?• in the Gospel, and it spoke of love. But a true encounter with Christâ??s love does not lead to complacency; it ignites a sacred hunger. The believer longs to â??rise in the arms of faithâ?• and be â??closer drawn to Thee.â?• Our salvation is secure, yet our souls are perpetually restless, seeking deeper nearness to the One who saved us.

2. It is a Hymn of Consecrated Surrender (Verse 2)
The natural response to being drawn nearer is a desire to be used. â??Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lordâ?• is a prayer of total surrender. We understand this is only possible â??by the power of grace divine.â?• The beautiful result is a soul anchored in â??steadfast hopeâ?• and a will that finds its truest freedom when it is **â??lost in Thine.â?•** This is the pinnacle of discipleship: our desires merging with His, our plans dissolving into His perfect will.

3. It is a Hymn of Prayerful Communion (Verse 3)
This verse captures the sublime joy of personal devotion. It calls prayer a â??pure delight,â?• reframing it from a duty to a privilege. The image of spending an â??hourâ?¦ before Thy throneâ?• and communing â??as friend with friendâ?• reflects the breathtaking truth that the Almighty God invites us into intimate relationship (John 15:15). This is the source of our strength and the wellspring of our joyâ??knowing we can approach not just a King, but a Friend.

4. It is a Hymn of Hope-Filled Expectation (Verse 4)
The hymn ends with a sober yet glorious recognition: our communion here, as sweet as it is, is still partial. There are **â??depths of loveâ?•** we cannot yet fathom and **â??heights of joyâ?•** we cannot yet scale. But this is not a note of despair, but of triumphant hope! It points us to our eternal home, â??till I cross the narrow seaâ?• and â??rest in peace with Thee.â?• Our present drawing nearer is a foretaste of the perfect, unbroken fellowship that awaits us in glory.

The Chorus: The Heartâ??s Constant Cry
The repeated chorus is the soulâ??s perpetual prayer: **â??Draw me nearerâ?¦ to Thy precious, bleeding side.â?•** Our closeness to God is always measured by our nearness to the cross. It is at the place of His sacrifice that we understand His love, receive our cleansing, and find the magnetic center that pulls our hearts away from sin and self, and into fellowship with Him.

A Word for Your Spirit Today

Has your spiritual life felt routine? Have you felt a gentle, holy tug on your heart, a sense that there must be more than this? That is the very voice this hymn embodies. You belong to Him. Do not ignore that longing; embrace it as a gift from the Spirit.

Today, in your quiet moment, make this hymn your prayer. Tell the Lord you are His. Ask Him to draw you nearer to the reality of the cross. Surrender your will afresh to His service. Seek the pure delight of a few unhurried minutes in His presence, talking to Him as your dearest Friend.

And be encouraged: every step you take in response to this longing brings you deeper into His love now, and prepares you for the indescribable depths and heights you will know when you finally see Him face to face.

Answer the call. Seek His nearness.

In the name of Jesus, our Friend and Savior, Amen.