



Open Heavens HYMN 8: I Need Thee Every Hour

Description

This is **hymn 8 of the Open Heavens** daily devotion written by Pastor E. A. Adeboye, General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG).

Hymn 8: I Need Thee Every Hour

1. I need Thee evê??ry hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.

Chorus:

I need Thee, O I need Thee,
Evê??ry hour I need Thee
O bless me now, my Saviour
I come to Thee!

2. I need Thee every hour
Stay Thou nearby
Temptations lose their power
When Thou art nigh.

3. I need Thee every hour,
In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide
Or life is vain.

4. I need Thee every hour
Teach me Thy will,
And Thy rich promises
In me fulfill.

5. I need Thee every hour
Most Holy One;
Oh, make me thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son!

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Hymn

I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR HYMN COMMENTARY

Beloved in Christ, as we turn our hearts to this gentle, profound hymn, “I Need Thee Every Hour,” we are moving from the battlefield to the quiet place of intimate dependence. This hymn is not a loud, marching anthem, but a tender, heartfelt confession that forms the very bedrock of our relationship with Jesus. It is the prayer that never grows old, for it acknowledges the one unchanging truth of the Christian life: our utter and constant need for our Saviour.

Why Sing This Hymn

We sing this hymn to cultivate a spirit of humility, dependence, and continual communion with God. It is the antidote to self-sufficiency and the key to a life of true peace and power.

1. It is a Hymn of Beautiful Dependence (Verse 1)

The opening line, “I need Thee every hour,” is a radical statement in a world that prizes independence and self-reliance. It is a gracious acknowledgment that we are not merely creators of our own destiny, but beloved children who rely completely on a “Most gracious Lord.” This need is not a one-time cry for salvation, but a constant, hourly reliance. We sing this because we have learned that no other voice—not the world’s, not our own—can provide the deep, abiding peace that His “tender voice” affords. The chorus is our simple, repeated plea: **“O bless me now, my Saviour, I come to Thee!”**

2. It is a Hymn of Victorious Proximity (Verse 2)

Our need for Christ is not a sign of weakness, but the source of our strength. We pray, “Stay Thou nearby,” because we know that our own resolve is frail. The powerful truth we proclaim is that “Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.” Our victory over sin is not found in our own willpower, but in the conscious, abiding presence of Jesus. To be near Him is to be strong.

3. It is a Hymn of Authentic Faith (Verse 3)

This confession of need is not reserved for times of crisis. We need Him “in joy or pain.” In joy, we need Him to keep our hearts grateful and humble. In pain, we need Him for comfort and endurance. Without His abiding presence, the highest joys feel hollow and the deepest pains feel meaningless. “Or life is vain,” the hymn declares, echoing the truth of Ecclesiastes that apart from God, all is emptiness.

4. It is a Hymn of Surrendered Will (Verse 4)

To truly say “I need Thee” is to surrender our own agenda. We need Him not just for comfort, but for direction: **“Teach me Thy will.”** We need Him not just for help, but for fulfillment: “And Thy rich promises in me fulfill.” This is the prayer of a heart that trusts God’s plan more than its own and longs to see His word come to life in their journey.

5. It is a Hymn of Sanctifying Grace (Verse 5)

The hymn culminates in the deepest cry of the soul: for holiness and belonging. “Most Holy One,” we pray, “make me thine indeed.” This is more than a request for help; it is a plea for transformation. It is the desire to be so united with Christ that His character becomes ours, and our identity is securely found in Him, the “blessed Son!”

A Word for Your Spirit Today

Dear child of God, perhaps you have been striving in your own strength. Maybe you feel the weight of a temptation, the ache of a sorrow, or even the distraction of a joy that has subtly shifted your focus from the Source. Let this hymn be your breath prayer today.

There is no shame in confessing your need. In fact, it is at the point of your acknowledged need that God's grace flows most powerfully (2 Corinthians 12:9). Your weakness is the platform for His strength.

So, wherever you are—in a moment of quiet devotion, in the stress of your workplace, or in the darkness of the night—whisper this truth: "I need Thee, O I need Thee." Come to Him not as one who has it all together, but as one who needs His peace, His power, His presence, and His person every single hour. This is the secret to a life that is truly rich, full, and pleasing to God.

May the Lord meet you in your need and fill you with the sweet assurance of His ever-present grace.

In Jesus' name, Amen.