



Open Heavens HYMN 20: STAND UP! STAND UP FOR JESUS

Description

This is **hymn 20 of the Open Heavens** daily devotion written by Pastor E. A. Adeboye, General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG).

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1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus
ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
his army he shall lead
till every foe is vanquished
and Christ is Lord indeed.

2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict
in this his glorious day.
Ye that are men now serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger
and strength to strength oppose.

3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,
ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor,
each piece put on with prayer;

where duty calls or danger,
be never wanting there.

4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the strife will not be long;
this day the noise of battle,
the next, the victor's song.
To him that overcometh
a crown of life shall be;
he with the King of glory
shall reign eternally.

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Hymn

STAND UP! STAND UP FOR JESUS HYMN COMMENTARY

Beloved in Christ, today's hymn is not a quiet meditation but a stirring battle cry and a clear call to action. "Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus" was born from a preacher's dying words, transforming

a personal exhortation into a timeless anthem for the Church. It addresses us not as bystanders but as enlisted **“soldiers of the cross,”** clarifying our identity, our duty, our strength, and our guaranteed victory in the spiritual conflict of this age.

Why Sing This Hymn

We sing this hymn to awaken our spiritual courage, to reaffirm our active duty in God’s army, and to fortify our resolve with the certainty of Christ’s ultimate triumph. It is a hymn for times of moral compromise, spiritual lethargy, and cultural opposition—a rallying call to visible, courageous faithfulness.

1. It is a Hymn of Identity and Unceasing Advance (Verse 1)

Our primary identity is martial: we are **“soldiers of the cross.”** Our first duty is to **“lift high his royal banner”** to proclaim Christ’s kingship openly and unashamedly, ensuring His truth **“must not suffer loss.”** The hymn paints a picture of divinely-led momentum: **“From victory unto victory his army he shall lead.”** Our standing is not a desperate hold but part of a forward march toward the ultimate goal: the total defeat of every foe and the universal acknowledgment **“that Christ is Lord indeed.”** We stand in a winning campaign.

2. It is a Hymn of Urgent Obedience and Unflinching Courage (Verse 2)

The call to stand is a **“trumpet call”**—urgent, clear, and commanding obedience. We are to step **“forth to the mighty conflict”** recognizing the present time as **“his glorious day,”** the era of gospel advance. The conflict is real and the foes are **“unnumbered,”** yet the call is for courage that **“rise[s] with danger”** and for spiritual strength that actively **“oppose[s]”** the enemy. This is a call for valor, especially to **“men”** (meaning all believers of spiritual maturity) to serve with resolve.

3. It is a Hymn of Divine Strength and Spiritual Armor (Verse 3)

Here lies the secret to standing: **“stand in his strength alone.”** The hymn delivers a crucial warning: **“the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.”** Self-reliance is the path to certain defeat. Instead, we are commanded to **“Put on the gospel armor”** of Ephesians 6:10-18. Critically, this is not a passive act; each piece must be taken up **“with prayer,”** indicating our active, dependent engagement with God to be fitted for battle. Our posture must be one of readiness: **“where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.”**

4. It is a Hymn of Eternal Perspective and Sure Reward (Verse 4)

The hymn lifts our eyes from the present skirmish to the imminent and eternal victory. **“The strife will not be long.”** The **“noise of battle”** is temporary; the **“victor’s song”** is eternal. This hope is sealed with a promise from Scripture: **“To him that overcometh a crown of life shall be”** (Revelation 2:10). Our faithful standing leads to an unimaginable reward: co-reigning **“with the King of glory”** eternally. The battle is fierce but short; the reign is glorious and everlasting.

A Word for Your Spirit Today

Are you feeling pressured to be silent about your faith? Are you weary from the constant spiritual conflict in your heart, home, or community? This hymn sounds the trumpet for you.

Stand up. Identify yourself unashamedly with Jesus. Lift His banner in your speech and conduct. But remember, you are not called to stand in your own passion or wisdom. You will fail. You must stand in *His* strength alone. Today, consciously put on the full armor of God through prayer—truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, and the Word of the Spirit. Then, face your duty and your dangers with courage.

The battle is real, but the outcome is certain. Stand firm today, soldier of the cross, for your Captain leads you from victory to victory, and a crown of life awaits.

In the mighty name of Jesus, our conquering King and Captain, Amen.