

The Joy of Your Presence

Inspired by Psalm 84

O Father, how I love being in Your presence!
When I realize that I am with You,
all I am sings for joy,
 body,
 mind, and
 spirit.

You are infinitely above me
 in excellence,
 in power, and
 in holiness.
Yet when I am with You, I sense that
 this is where I belong.
I know a freedom,
 a rightness,
 a rest in You.

This life is not easy, Father.
The needs never end.
There is weariness,
 darkness, and
 deep sorrow.
But when I realize that all of life is a journey to You,
 everything changes!
Weariness turns to praise.
Darkness shines with Your unfailing goodness.
Sorrow is matched with an inexpressible joy.
Your presence lights my pathway every day.
But what is more,
 You Yourself are the heaven toward which I travel.

O Father, absorb my
 every thought and
 every desire.
You are my joy,
 now and forever!

Hymn: [Psalm 84](#)