

COMMENT: HYMN – DAY BY DAY

This hymn is written to stress the '**daily**' nature of Christian living, commitment and witness.

Many Christians will recognise deliberate references in it to phrases in Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion liturgies.

While it is particularly suitable for a service of commitment and commissioning, e.g. Confirmation, the day-by-day theme makes it appropriate as a dismissal hymn for any weekly gathering, and hymns of dismissal are always in short supply.

All the second lines run-in to the third lines.

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Suggested tune: 'Love Divine' (J.Stainer) 8.7.8.7.

1.

**Father God, defend your servants
with your heavenly grace. We pray
that we may be yours forever,
trusting, serving – day by day.**

2.

**Risen Lord, lead forth your soldiers
valiantly to fight. We pray
so to march beneath your banner,
that we conquer – day by day.**

3.

**Lord of Life, renew Christ's army;
strengthen and confirm. We pray
for your increase more within us
through our living – day by day.**

4.

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Send us out empower'd . We pray
For the Spirit's inspiration
In our witness – day by day.**