

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

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LYRICS

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*"And I said: "I pray, LORD God of heaven, O great and awesome God, You who keep Your covenant and mercy with those who love You and observe Your commandments, "
- Nehemiah 1:5. Psam 86:1, "Bow down Your ear, O LORD, hear me;
For I am poor and needy."*

VERSE 1

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

VERSE 2

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my petition bear
to Him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless;
and since He bids me seek His face,
believe His word and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care, and wait for Thee, sweet hour of prayer.

VERSE 3

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

VERSE 4

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, may I thy consolation share,
till, from Mount Pisgah's lofty height, I view my home and take my flight.
This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise
to seize the everlasting prize;
and shout, while passing through the air, "Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!"
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original Verse 2 (*There are variations but Verse 1 & 2 always same*)

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!