



## Lyrics for The Love of Thousands: Singing with Angels, Saints, and Ancestors

### 1. Welcome to this Circle

by Trish Bruxvoort Colligan

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where love and grace abound.  
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We will walk beside you, encourage you on your way,  
celebrate your spirit and hold you as we pray.

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There is grace enough to see you through.  
And wherever you have walked, whatever path you choose  
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## **2. Calling All Angels**

**by MaMuse**

Calling all angels here to guide you.  
Calling all angels to surround you.  
Calling all angels to walk beside you.  
Love, may you walk on solid ground.

All of your cards are out on the table,  
each of your bags neatly packed  
horses are drawn and out of the stable  
now there is no looking back.

Each in our own, each one in our time  
will find our way back to the source.  
Know as you go, I am right here behind you  
Loving you living your choice.

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Calling all angels to surround you.  
Calling all angels to walk beside you.  
Love, may you walk on solid ground.

### **3. Holy Angels** **by Sara Thomsen**

You are held by  
holy angels.  
Holy angels  
all around you.

Hush now, sleep child  
sing the holy angels.  
We are holding you,  
You can rest.

Morning will come child,  
The dawn will break through the darkness.  
We are holding you  
through the light of the newborn day.

Loo, loo . . .

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holy angels.  
Holy angels  
all around you.

We are holding you,  
you can rest.

### **4. A New Name (Genesis 32:22-28)** **by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan**

Alone and afraid in the dark night  
Wrestling with strength that won't let go.  
As long as it takes till morning breaks,  
A new name.

## **5. Litany of the Saints** **by Betsey Beckman**

1. Saint Mary Magdalene,  
bless us with your courage,  
stand with us,  
pray for us.

2. Saints of the Holy Desert,  
bless us with simplicity,  
stand with us, pray for us.

3. Saint Benedict of Nursia  
bless us with equanimity,  
stand with us, pray for us.

4. Saint Hildegard of Bingen,  
bless us with your artistry,  
stand with us, pray for us.

5. Saint Francis of Assisi,  
bless us with love of creation,  
stand with us, pray for us.

6. Saint Theresa of Avila,  
bless us with your vision,  
stand with us, pray for us.

7. Prophet Howard Thurman  
bless us with your justice,  
stand with us, pray for us.

8. Holy Cedar Tree,  
bless us with your dignity  
Stand with us, pray for us.

9. Mother Mary  
bless us with your mercy  
stand with us, pray for us.

And now we call our own saints and loved ones. Ooo...

10. Beloved Ancestors,  
bless us with your kindness  
stand with us, pray for us.

11. Beloved mentor,  
bless us with inspiration,  
stand with us, pray for us.

12. All you saints and angels,  
Bless us with your guidance,  
stand with us, pray for us.

Stand with us, pray for us.  
Stand with us, pray for us.

**6. All Shall Be Well**  
**Inspired by Julian of Norwich**  
**by Kathryn Christian**

All shall be well, all shall be well,  
All matter of things shall be well.  
All shall be well, all shall be well,  
All matter of things shall be well.

Rest in my embrace, my beloved, all is well.  
Sleep in safety,  
Let your cares melt away.  
Place your heart in my embrace.

## **7. Christ is the Mirror**

**Inspired by the words of St. Clare of Assisi  
by Laura Ash**

Christ is the Mirror; Christ is the Light.  
Gaze on that Mirror and see yourself within.  
All things are holy, all things are one.  
Gaze on creation and see your soul within.

Always be a lover of your soul.  
Always be a lover of your soul.

Here in this Sanctuary of Life,  
Here is the love and food for your soul.  
Enter this dwelling, bring who you are.  
Gaze on this table and know the source within.  
We become the love that we receive.  
We become the love that we receive.

Christ is the Mirror; Christ is the Light.  
Gaze on that Mirror and see yourself within.  
All here is sacred; all here is one.  
Gaze on your neighbor and know the love within.  
One with one another, one with Christ.  
One with one another, one with Christ.

## **8. Bookmark Prayer**

**Inspired by St. Teresa of Avila  
by Simon de Voil**

Let nothing disturb you,  
Let nothing frighten you.  
Everything changes,  
I alone remain.  
Hold patience, for nothing is wasted.  
Presence in all things  
I'm with you in all things.

## **9. You Are Sweet as the Grape!**

**Inspired by Mechtild of Magdeburg  
by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan**

You are sweet, sweet as the grape,  
fragrant, fragrant as balsam,  
as radiant, as radiant as the sun.  
You are sweet, sweet as the grape,  
fragrant, fragrant as balsam,  
as radiant, as radiant as the sun.

You reflect my highest love.  
You reflect my highest love.  
You reflect my highest love, my love.

## **10. This World is Pregnant with God**

Inspired by Angela of Foligno  
by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

### **Refrain**

This world is pregnant with God.  
This world is pregnant with God.

### **Verse 1**

How is it that everyone I meet, everyone I meet is family?

### **Verse 2**

How is it that everything I see, everything I see is holy?

### **Verse 3**

Beneath the soil in the empty fields swells the song of life sounding hope.

### **Verse 4**

Do you not feel pangs of labor pain for the brand new life emerging?

## **11. The Spirits Are Here with Us**

by Soyinka Rahim

The Spirits are here with us (3xs)  
Healing Spirits

The Spirits are here with us (3xs)  
Loving Spirits

The Spirits are here with us  
The Spirits are here with us



## **12. We Remember Them**

**by Trish Bruxvoort Colligan**

### **Verse 1**

We remember them in the rising moon.  
We remember them in the mourning dove.  
When the waters rush upon the shore  
We remember them singing ever more.

### **Verse 2**

We remember them in the blowing wind.  
We remember them in the rustling leaves.  
When the buds unfurl into the spring,  
We remember them and we try to sing.

### **Verse 3**

We remember them in the fallen tree  
We remember them in the candle flame  
When the blue of the sky opens wide  
We remember them and keep their songs alive.

### **Bridge**

And they too shall live.  
As they are woven into us.

### **Verse 4**

We remember them in the rising moon.  
We remember them in the morning dawn.  
When the waters rush upon the shore  
We remember them singing ever more.

### **Verse 5**

I remember you singing ever more.  
I remember you singing ever more.  
I remember you singing ever more.  
I remember you singing ever more.

### 13. Weep with Me by Deirdre Ní Chinnéide

Weep with me for darkness I have been.  
Weep with me for darkness I have seen.  
Weep with me for all that I have known,  
For when the heart's divided it wanders far from home.

*A mhuire na ngrás*  
*A mhaithir Mhic Dé*  
*Go gloise tú sa dorchadas mé.*

(Hail Mary, Full of Grace.  
Hail, Mother of God.  
Hear me in the Darkness.)

*A mhuire na ngrás*  
*A mhaithir Mhic Dé*  
*Go sabhála tú me*

*Go sabhála tú mé.*  
(Hail Mary, Full of Grace,  
Hail, Mother of God.  
Heal Me)

Hold me in your arms  
Hold me in your arms  
Hold me

See me in your eyes  
See me in your eyes  
See me.  
Know me in your heart  
Know me in your heart  
Know me.

For all can be,  
Earth, sky and sea.

*Turas numinous don chroí.n*  
(Sacred journey of the heart.)

## **14. Go in Peace**

**by Katarina Stendstedt**

### **Refrain**

Go in peace, you are love, you are loved.  
Go in peace, you are loved.  
Go with God, you are loved, you are love.  
Go with God, you are love.

### **Verse 1**

The God who wove you in the dark,  
the one whose rough hands made your heart  
had you in mind before the dawn of time.  
The one who gazed with gentle eyes  
at all the colors of your life  
before the threads were dyed,  
the artist saw your light.

### **Verse 2**

Back at the house you started from  
your God has left the porchlight one  
however late the hour, you'll find a way.  
O welcome then, back to the light  
in from the dark of mortal strife  
into the house of grace  
where love lives, take your place.

**15. Ancestor Blessing**  
**by Te Martin**

Will you bless this path I walk?  
Ancestor, bless this path I walk.

Will you walk, will you walk beside me?  
Will you walk, will you walk beside?

Will you guide, will you guide my feet?  
Ancestor guide, will you guide my feet?

## 16. Grandmother Song

Written by Sandy Vaughn

Adapted by Lorraine Bayes

1) I hear the voice of my grandmother calling me.

I hear the voice of my grandmother call.

She says, "Wake up, wake up children

Wake up, wake up.

Listen, Listen . . . Listen, listen."

2) I hear the voice of my grandmother calling me.

I hear the voice of my grandmother call.

She says, "Give birth, give life mother

Give birth, give life.

Listen, listen . . . Listen, listen."

3) I hear the voice of my grandmother calling me.

I hear the voice of my grandmother call.

She says, "Stand in your power, people,

Stand in your power.

Listen, listen . . . Listen, listen."

*Chorus, after each verse:*

May the rivers all run wild.

May the mountains go unspoiled.

May the air be clean,

May the trees grow tall.

May there be love for every mother and child.

May there be love for every woman and man.

May there be love -- for every being in the wild.

*Tag:*

I hear the voice of my grandmother calling me.

Listen, listen . . . Listen, listen.

## **17. Cypress Seed Song**

**by Betsey Beckman**

I hold in my hand these seeds of the future,  
the courage to live and the courage to die.  
This gold in my hand, these seeds of the future;  
Put your hand in my hand and we'll reach for the sky.

Light shines on the seeds of the future;  
Light shines on the leaves of the past.  
I walk on the land of my mother  
who nourished these seeds so that courage might last.

## **18. Sending you Light** **by Melanie de More**

### **Refrain:**

I am sending you Light, to heal you, to hold you.  
I am sending you Light, to hold you in Love.  
I am sending you Light, to heal you, to hold you.  
I am sending you Light, to hold you in Love.

### **Verse 1**

No matter where you go,  
No matter where you've been,  
You'll never walk alone.  
I feel you deep within.

### **Verse 2**

No matter what you feel  
or what you choose to show,  
I'm always there for you,  
And so I want you to know...

### **Verse 3**

I walk the path with you  
Go slow dear one; don't hurry.  
I'll go just like you need to go,  
there is no need to worry.

## 19. Let the Land Sing by Lydia Violet

Where are we going to?  
Where did we come from?  
What does it mean to all be bones under the same ol' sun?  
I've always been, always been right here...

So let the land sing through you,  
Like the rolling holy.  
Let the land sing through you,  
Like the rolling holy.  
Ooo's

Trees my lungs, mist my breath,  
That moon is blooming in my chest.  
Courage, my love, your roots grow deep,  
Down deep.  
Scrambled stardust and mud  
make up my own bones and blood  
I've always been, always been right here...

So let the land sing through you,  
Like the rolling holy.  
Let the land sing through you,  
Like the rolling holy.

And then they came with their torches and their guns,  
And so my friends gathered one by one by one by one.  
I asked the spider how she weaves her web,  
And she replied my dear, "Thread by thread by thread by thread."  
Like ancestors with songs in their packs,  
And they became us track by track by track by...  
What is the mud that made you?  
What is the mud that made you?  
What is the mud that made you?  
I love the mud that made you.  
What is the mud that made you?  
What is the mud that made you?  
What is the mud that made you?

So let the land sing through you,  
Like the rolling holy.  
Let the land sing through you,



Like the rolling holy.

So let the land sing through you, through you,

Like the rolling holy.

Let the land sing through you,

Like the rolling holy.

Ooo's

## **20. Holy Holy Holy** **by Karen Drucker**

### **Refrain 1**

We are holy, holy, holy,  
We are holy, holy, holy,  
We are holy, holy, holy,  
We are whole.

### **Verse**

Spirit Divine, come to me  
Feeling love, feeling me.  
Open my heart, allow me to see  
Beauty and love, lives in me.

### **Refrain 2:**

You are holy, holy, holy.  
You are holy, holy, holy.  
You are holy, holy, holy.  
You are whole.

### **Refrain 3:**

I am holy, holy, holy.  
I am holy, holy, holy.  
I am holy, holy, holy.  
I am whole.

### **Ending:**

We are holy, holy, holy.  
I am holy, holy, holy, holy ...  
You are whole.  
We are whole.  
I am whole.

## **20. Prayer Cycle Response**

- O God of Love, Circle and protect us.
- O God of Love, Walk with us through all things.
- O God of Love, We witness to your presence.
- O God of Love, Shower us with blessing.
- O God of Love, Hold us in our mourning.
- O God of Love, Speak to us through story.
- O God of Love, You shimmer in the stones.