

When God breaks through....

Some years ago, I had the opportunity to stay in the city at my niece's apartment which is on the 40th floor of a building overlooking the harbour and opera house. Saturday morning was grey, and the water was reflecting the dark mood of the clouds when suddenly the sun broke through and sent a silvery pathway across the water. It was a magic moment, and it made me stop and reflect on the times that God has broken through the dark clouds of history into our sinful world.

One morning as I was having my porridge, I looked out through the curtains, it was still early and the trees were just dark shapes, then the sun began to come through the trees and the cloud took on a pink hue, it is then you know that God is there, in His creation, in His world, and in my life.

The dark clouds of war and unrest hang over our world, and we feel despair, however, we are called to be lights in this darkness, and although we think one little light doesn't make a difference as we gather with other Christians, the light becomes brighter and can, and will break through the darkness.

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life." (John 8:12, NASB)

Matthew 5: 14-16: "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

My prayer is that each of us will follow Jesus, the Light of the world and let his light shine through us so that others will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

May the God who breaks through into our world, into our history, and into our lives, give us strength to be lights in the darkness for others. "The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace." Amen

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Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. Chorus

Longing for food, many are hungry
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others
Shared until all are fed. Chorus

Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone. Chorus

Many the gift, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another
Making Your kingdom come.

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