

## **“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” by Thomas Dorsey**

### **How the LORD Helps Us**

#### **A. The LORD leads us through times of weakness.**

Precious Lord, take my hand  
Lead me on, let me stand  
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm worn  
Through the storm, through the night  
Lead me on to the light  
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

Matthew 14:28-32

<sup>28</sup> Then Peter called to him, “Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.”

<sup>29</sup> “Yes, come,” Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus.

<sup>30</sup> But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. “Save me, Lord!” he shouted.

<sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. “You have so little faith,” Jesus said. “Why did you doubt me?”

<sup>32</sup> When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped.

#### **B. The LORD holds us through times of faltering.**

When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near  
When my light is almost gone  
Hear my cry, hear my call  
Hold my hand lest I fall  
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

Mark 10:46-52 (NLT)

<sup>46</sup> Then they reached Jericho, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road.

<sup>47</sup> When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

<sup>48</sup> “Be quiet!” many of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

<sup>49</sup> When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, “Tell him to come here.” So they

called the blind man. "Cheer up," they said. "Come on, he's calling you!"

<sup>50</sup> Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus.

<sup>51</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked. "My rabbi," the blind man said, "I want to see!"

<sup>52</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Go, for your faith has healed you." Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road.

### **C. The LORD welcomes us through life's final passage.**

When the darkness appears and the night draws near

And the day is past and gone

At the river I stand

Guide my feet, hold my hand

Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

Luke 23:32-43 (NLT)

<sup>32</sup> Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him.

<sup>33</sup> When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left.

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.

<sup>35</sup> The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. "He saved others," they said, "let him save himself if he is really God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

<sup>36</sup> The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine.

<sup>37</sup> They called out to him, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

<sup>38</sup> A sign was fastened to the cross above him with these words: "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you're at it!"

<sup>40</sup> But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die?"

<sup>41</sup> We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong."

<sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."

<sup>43</sup> And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."

A closing prayer ... "Dear God, we declare our faith in You! In our times of weakness, or when we falter, hold us close to You. And finally, welcome us into Your presence when we stand at the end of our days. In Jesus' name, amen."