

# 70th ANNUAL TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE



**July 1 - 5, 2009**  
**Raleigh, North Carolina**

## *Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha*

**O** God, who, among the many marvels of Your Grace in the New World, did cause to blossom on the banks of the Mohawk and of the St. Lawrence, the pure and tender Lily, Kateri Tekakwitha, grant we beseech You, the favor we beg through her intercession; that this Young Lover of Jesus and of His Cross may soon be counted among the Saints by Holy Mother Church, and that our hearts may be enkindled with a stronger desire to imitate her innocence and faith. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.



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## KATERI SONG

BY Daniel and Mary Dauvin

Lights of hope, a light of faith, To those who long and search.  
Kateri, Oh Kateri, Hold Me by the hand.  
Out of the Wilderness, Sprang a flower bright and pure,  
Formed by trials and formed in love, To hear great Manitou.  
Kateri, Oh Kateri, Lily of the wild.  
Kateri, Oh Kateri, Come to Me my child. Come to Me my child.

A maiden seeking holiness, Heard Jesus in the woods.  
Stared upon the holy cross, And then she understood.  
Kateri, Oh Kateri, Feels love's piercing sword  
Kateri, Oh Kateri, Come suffer with your Lord. Come suffer with your Lord.

Lily of the Mohawk, and honored by the Church,

Kateri, Oh Kateri, You're in My holy plan. You're in My holy plan.

Let us praise and thank our God, This precious gift to us.  
Quiet Mohawk/Algonquin girl, Who blossomed in our land.  
Kateri, Oh Kateri, Your people cry in prayer.  
Kateri, Oh Kateri, Bring Me all your cares. Bring Me all your cares.

## IN HER FOOTSTEPS

BY Sister Kateri Mitchell, SSA



**Refrain: Kateri Tekakwitha Noble Turtle, Mother Earth  
Gathers Her People East, South, West and North**

Mohawk Algonquin Lily filled with love  
Grateful woman we honor you.

Gift of Nations gentle and forgiving  
Loyal witness we thank you.

Sister Turtle Clan strong, kind and true  
Faithful woman we honor you.

Our Sunshine vision, bright and keen  
Open, generous we thank you.

Tekakwitha hope filled dignity  
Joyful woman we honor you.

Creator centered creation filled  
Air, sky, water we thank you.

Woodland Cross of Life fasting and prayer  
Mystical woman we honor you.

Celebrate our gathering clans, tribes, nations  
Justice, harmony we thank you.

Precious Flower virgin, fair and free  
Holy woman we honor you.

Family united Body, blood, life  
Serving, sharing we thank you.

Friend with compassion helper and healer  
Lover of peoples we honor you.

In your sacred journey Blessed Kateri  
We honor you we thank you.

**BLESSED KATERI PRAY FOR US.**



# RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Welcome, friends!

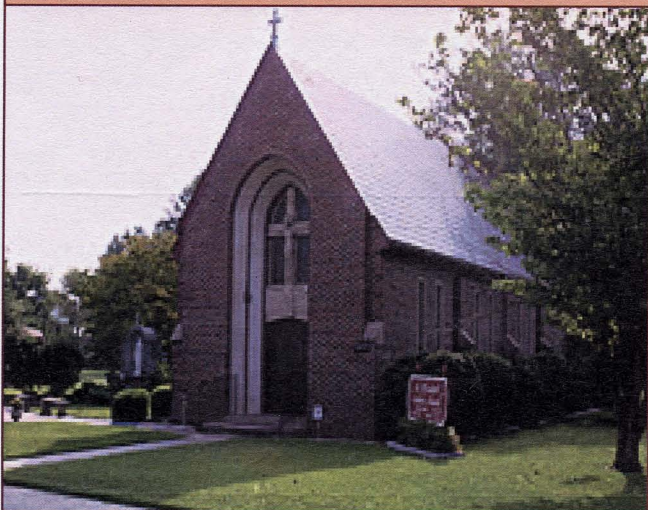
On behalf of Kateri Circle Members here in the Old North State, Welcome to Raleigh! We're happy to be your hosts for the Conference, and hope you'll enjoy your visit with us.

Kateri has long been a friend to me. When we were children, my parents would pack the three of us in the car and we'd go to the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, NY, where I first heard about "The Lily of the Mohawks." I was amazed that a native girl would come to the faith and give such a wonderful witness. I still ask her help at times, and try to tell her story to anyone who will listen. And then I get on a soapbox about current native peoples' concerns and the conversation ends. Still, someone has learned of our Blessed friend!

May her patience and peace be with you at this Conference and always!

If you have time, see some of our capital city while you're here.

Peace to you,  
Fr. Joe Yaeger  
St. Elizabeth Parish  
Farmville NC



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Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

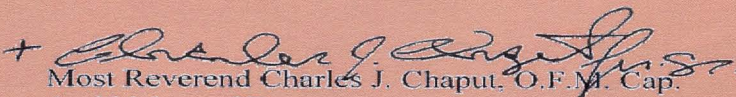
All of us who are Christians believe that Jesus dwells in Scripture as truly as he dwells in the Eucharist – in a different way, of course, but with great power. In fact, according to our Catholic faith, anyone who does not know the Word of God cannot fully know God himself

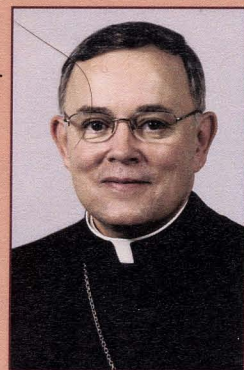
One of the duties of every Christian is to hear the Word of God deeply in his or her own heart. We need to seek the Word out. We need to listen to it carefully. Then we need to pray over it and allow ourselves to be led, or even driven, by God's Word to preach it to others. This means that every Christian is first a hearer and then a doer.

Blessed Kateri embodied these qualities. Although by nature she was shy and very humble, nonetheless, she was filled with courage because of the fire of the Holy Spirit in her life. She heard the Word of God and absorbed it deeply into her heart before she could preach it. And when she preached Jesus Christ, she did it not only with her lips but especially by her example. As a saint, she is a permanent witness of Christian hearing and doing. And we need to ask the Lord to bless us with that same grace He poured out on Kateri.

May God fill all of us during these important and joyful conference days with Blessed Kateri's courage, so that we may live up to her great example.

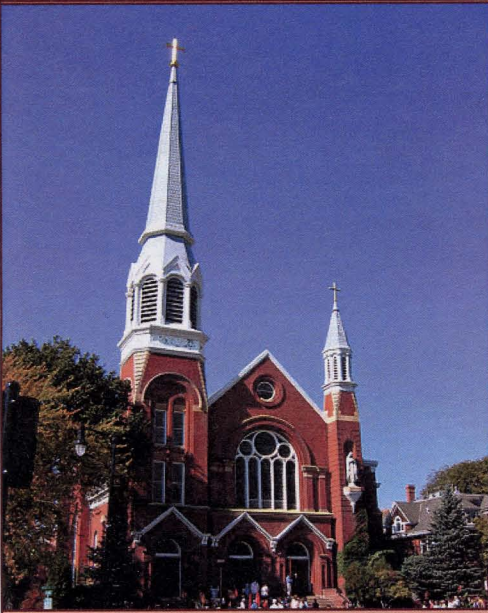
Sincerely yours in Jesus Christ,

+   
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.  
Archbishop of Denver





## A BRIEF REVIEW OF OUR HISTORY



St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo, ND

The Tekakwitha Missionary Conference began in Fargo in 1939 as a forum for the Plains States Catholic Clergy. On October 4, 1939, twenty-four (24) clergy from three (3) Religious Orders in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota assembled in the crypt of the cathedral in Fargo, ND. This group was joined by Bishop Muench, Abbot Ignatius Esser of St. Meinrad Abbey, St. Meinrad, Indiana.

On October 15, 1940, the second meeting of the Conference was held in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Jamestown, ND. There were ten Benedictine Priests present, the Chancellor of the Diocese of Fargo and the Provincial of the Sacred Heart Fathers. It was at this meeting that Father Justin Snyder, OSB, proposed putting the Conference under the guidance and protection of Kateri Tekakwitha, a young Mohawk- Algonquin woman born in 1656. On January 3, 1943, she was declared Venerable by Pope Pius XII

During the war years the Conference struggled due to gasoline and tire rationing, and the number of attendees fell to a dozen or less. However, men like Fr. Paul McHarness, OSB through personal direction and correspondence kept the spirit strong.

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Benedictines have a long history of Missionary activity. An American Benedictine, Abbot Martin Marty gave careful attention to the instruction of 1659 Vatican Document to Missionaries in China. It reads: "Do not regard it as your takes, and do not bring any pressure to bear on any people, to change their manners, customs and usages, unless they are evidently contrary to religion and sound morals. What could be more absurd than to transplant France, Spain, Italy or some other European Country to China [USA]." So the conversation between missionaries gathered in Fargo was centered on personal adaptation and service to local cultures.

In the 1940's and 50's the Conference moved from Reservation to Reservation, from Mission to Mission. In 1952 the recurrent themes of the Conference were gathered and kept for reference by Fr. Daniel Madlon, OSB: assimilation, language, comparison of boarding schools with day schools, dialogue between field men and school men, selection of lay coworkers, home conditions, vacation school, the native men and women societies, adult discussion groups.

There were and are today marked advances in the genesis of the Conference. At the beginning the Conference was solely for clergy. In 1967, the contributions of Benedictine Sisters in anthropology and in the new science of missiology, the Sisters from the Benedictine house were invited. Since then, Indian Sisters from Catholic Orders are prominent in the leadership.

In 1968 the Conference was hosted at St. Joseph School in Chamberlain, SD. Fr. George Pinger, SCJ, was planner and chair. He paid careful attention to assure the presence of the two South Dakota Bishops, Bishop Lamert Hoch, and Sioux Indian lay men and women. The face of the Conference was changing.

In 1977 and 1978 the Conference was hosted by the Benedictine Sisters of St. Martin Monastery in Rapid City, SD. The Conference was becoming more professional and the need was seen for a permanent Director and a permanent office with staff. A three member Advisory Board was formed. Sister Genevieve Cuny, OSF of Pine Ridge, SD, Francis Hairy Chin of Fort Yates, ND were joined with the Capuchin priest, Father Gilbert Hemauer, OFM Cap, who became the first full-time Director. With the cooperation of the new Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, Monsignor Paul Lenz, the Conference was integrated with the Bureau. The main Office of the Conference was at the Bureau and it was almost totally funded by the Bureau.



## AS THE TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE

In 1979, the Benedictine Sisters of the Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton, SD hosted the annual meeting. The Monastery and the Conference were joined in dramatically shaping the emergence of Native prominence in the Catholic Church. In this place Native People first spoke up with dignity to their priests and became known as the 'Circle of 66'. Bishops present at this gathering were: Bishop Paul Dudley of Sioux Falls, Bishop Harold Dimmerling of Rapid City, Bishop William Connare of Greensburg (representing Cardinal Krol), and Bishop Thomas Murphy of Great Falls, MT. At all previous meetings Bishops had been invited, but in the early days Bishops did not find room on their calendars to attend the gatherings. The Tekakwitha Conference was a small gathering, not very influential. For the first time, at the invitation of the Board of Directors, a large group of men and women from the reservations were present. As a result of the 1979 'Circle of 66' Native Americans expressed concerns for serious consideration in Native American Ministry.

In 1980 Bishop Thomas Murphy of Great Falls, Montana offered a substantial space for the permanent offices of the Conference. This space includes three units still being used as the Tekakwitha Conference National Center on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.

Those who have served in leadership roles from 1939 to the present time:

- 1939 Fr. Sylvester Eisenman, OSB, Chairman Fargo, ND  
First gathering consisted of 24 clergy
- 1940 Fr. Sylvester Eisenman, OSB, Chairman, Jamestown, ND  
At this meeting Fr. Justin Snyder, OSB suggested that the conference gathering be placed under the guidance and protection of Kateri Tekakwitha, young Mohawk-Algonquin woman.... And was accepted by the clergy – from that time the annual gathering was called the Tekakwitha Conference.
- 1941 Fr. Justin Snyder, OSB became Chairman during the conference in Chamberlain, SD
- 1942 - 1977 The annual Tekakwitha Conference was held in various locations: ND, SD, MT  
with a number of missionary priests: OSB; OFM. Cap; SJ; and Diocesan clergy who chaired the annual gatherings
- 1977 An executive Committee was formed comprising:  
Fr. Gilbert Hemauer, OFM Cap as President, Francis Hairy Chin (Lakota) and Sister Genevieve Cuny, OSF as secretary
- 1978 Fr. Gilbert Hemauer, OFM Cap was named President and Executive Director
- 1979 The Tekakwitha Conference was incorporated in the State of Montana and a National Center was established in Great Falls, MT
- 1978 - 1985 Fr. Gilbert Hemauer, OFM Cap served as President and Executive Director
- 1986 - 1989 Fr. John Hascall, OFM. Cap was President and Fr. Gilbert Hemauer, OFM. Cap. served as Executive Director
- 1990 Fr. Michael Galvan - Chairman of the Board of Directors
- 1990 - 1991 Mr. Fred Buckles - Executive Director
- 1992 Fr. Michael Galvan - Board Chair and some board members administered the office
- 1993 Mr. Wilson Boni – Acting Executive Director
- 1994 - 1996 Mr. Richard King - Executive Director
- 1997 - 1998 Mr. Mike Valdo - Board Chair monitored the office
- 1998 - Present Sr. Kateri Mitchell, SSA - Executive Director



**Tekakwitha Conference National Center  
Great Falls, MT**



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## KATERI SONG

### *KATERI - LILY OF THE VALLEY*

Once there lived an Indian Maiden.  
Lily white and pure as fallen snow.  
From the wild of these lands she came.  
In the valley of the Mohawks she did grow.

Kateri they called her at baptism,  
Strange on the day of her new birth  
To be the day Jesus had risen  
And through her walks again on Earth.

Kateri, Blessed Lily  
Kateri, the Lily of the Valley

She made herself a little wooden cross  
And everyday that passion she did wear  
And from her very word Jesus called  
Through this little Lily of the Mohawks.

Blessings came to all of those she knew  
And healing power blossomed where she went  
And from her path other flowers bloomed  
All from Heaven truly she was there

Kateri, Blessed Lily  
Kateri, the Lily of the Valley

And she was just a simple little maiden  
Many did she turn away from sin  
And now she lives among the blessed of all  
And God answers her today, just as then.

I'm asking God for you to do for me and  
Spread her name to all of those you see  
And let them know she lives eternally  
And favors are granted through her

Kateri, Blessed Lily, Kateri, My Lily of the Valley,  
My Blessed little Lily of the Valley

## SONGS FOR LITURGY

### Liturgy for Thursday

#### Gathering Song

#### HOLY IS THE LORD

(by Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio)

We stand and lift up our hands,  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
We bow down and worship Him Now;

How great, how awesome is He.  
And together we sing,

Holy is the Lord  
God Almighty. The earth is filled with His glory  
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory

### Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living

#### Preparation of Gifts:

#### I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

(By John Michael Talbot & Rick Modlin)

#### Refrain:

I am, the bread of life.  
All who eat this bread, will never die  
I am, God's love revealed  
I am broken, that you might be healed

#### Verse 1:

All who eat of this heavenly Bread  
All who drink this cup of the covenant  
You will live forever, for I will raise you up (To Refrain)

No one who comes to me, shall hunger again  
No one who believes, shall ever thirst  
All that the Father draws shall come to me  
and I shall give them rest (To Refrain)

#### Communion Song:

#### WE ARE ONE BODY

By Dana Scallon)

#### Refrain:

We are one body, one body in Christ  
And we do not stand alone.  
We are one body, one body in Christ  
And He came that we might have life.

#### Verse 1:

For He tells us ...  
When you eat my body and you drink my blood  
I will live in you and you will live in my love.  
When you eat my body and you drink my blood  
I will live in you and you will live in my love (To Refrain)

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## SONGS FOR LITURGY

### WE ARE ONE BODY (continued)

#### Verse 2:

For He tells us ...

Can you hear them crying, can you feel their pain?

Will you feed my hungry, will you help my lame?

See the unborn baby, the forgotten one,

They are not forsaken, they are not unloved. (To Refrain)

#### Verse 3:

For He tells us ...

I am the Way, the Truth, the Life. I am the final Sacrifice

I am the Way, the Truth, the Life. He who believes in me will have eternal life.

I am the Way, the Truth, the Life. I am the final Sacrifice

I am the Way, the Truth, the Life. He who believes in me will have eternal life. (To Refrain)

#### Verse 4:

I have come, your Savior that you might have life,

Through the tears and sorrow, through the toils and strife.

Listen when I call you, for I know your need,

Come to me, your Shepherd, for my flock I feed

(To Refrain)

#### Verse 5:

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bend,

Jesus is the Lord and He will come again.

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bend,

Jesus is the Lord and He will come again (To Refrain)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Communion Song:

#### LORD OF ALL HOPFULNESS

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,

Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares can destroy,

Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,

Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,

Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,

Your strength in our hearts, Lord at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,

Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,

Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,

Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,

Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,

Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,

Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

### Sending Forth:

#### MALO MALO, THANKS BE TO GOD

#### Refrain

Malo Malo Thanks be to God

Dood-ah-hey, San-ley-gah-yah-setah

Mi igwech, Niawen, Wopila

Mahalo, Mahalo Thanks be to God

#### VERSE 1

Wanishi, Chukma shkee

Alilemo-lo, Yakoke

We thank you Lord, We thank you Lord

Refrain

#### VERSE 2

Aho and Haho

Wado and Mado

Hay Hay, Ahe'hee

Udda, Shonobish-sha

We Thank you Lord, We thank you Lord

Refrain

### Liturgy for Friday

#### Gathering Song:

#### WE LIFT OUR HANDS IN THE SANCTUARY

We lift our hands in the Sanctuary

We lift our hands to give you the glory

We lift our hands to give you the praise

And we will praise you for the rest of our days

Yes, we will praise you for the rest of our days

We clap our hands in the Sanctuary

We clap our hands to give you the glory

We clap our hands to give you the praise

And we will praise you for the rest of our days

Yes, we will praise you for the rest of our days

#### BRIDGE:

Jesus, we give you the praise

Emanuel, we lift up your name

Heavenly father, coming Messiah

And we will praise you for the rest of our days

We sing our song in the Sanctuary

We sing our song to give you the glory

We sing our song to give you the praise

And we will praise you for the rest of our days

Yes, we will praise you for the rest of our days

We do our dance in the Sanctuary

We do our dance to give you the glory

We do our dance to give you the praise

And we will praise you for the rest of our days

Yes, we will praise you for the rest of our days

### Responsorial Psalm: Go out and spread the good news



## SONGS FOR LITURGY

### Preparation of Gifts:

#### **HUNGRY (FALLING ON MY KNEES)**

(By Kathryn Scott)

##### Verse 1:

Hungry I come to You, for I know You satisfy  
I am empty, but I know Your love; Does not run dry  
So I wait for You, So I wait for You  
I'm falling on my knees, offering all of me

Jesus, You're all this heart is living for.

##### Verse 2:

Broken I run to You, for Your arms are open wide  
I am weary, but I know Your touch restores my life

So I wait for You, So I wait for You  
I'm falling on my knees, offering all of me  
Jesus, You're all this heart is living for

### Communion Song:

#### **COME TO THE WATER**

(by Matt Maher)

##### Verse 1:

Oh let all who thirst, let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord.  
Without money, without price  
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord.

##### Verse 2:

And let all who seek, let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord.  
Without money, without strife

Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord.

##### Verse 3:

And let all who toil, let them come to the water.  
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord.  
All who labor, without rest  
How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord.

##### Verse 4:

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.  
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord.  
Bring the children, without might  
Easy the load and light, come to the Lord;  
come to the Lord

### Four Directions Prayer and Short Meditation Song - "Aho Dawke"

### Sending Forth:

#### **EVERYDAY**

(By Hillsongs)

What to say Lord  
It's You who gave me life and I  
Can't explain just how  
Much You mean to me now that  
You have saved me Lord  
I give all that I am to You  
That everyday I can  
Be a light that shines Your name

##### Verse 2:

Everyday Lord I'll

Learn to stand upon Your word  
And I pray that I  
I might come to know You more  
That You would guide me  
In every single step I take  
That everyday I can  
Be Your light unto the world

##### Refrain:

Everyday, It's You I'll live for  
Everyday, I'll follow after You  
Everyday, I'll walk with You my Lord

##### Bridge:

It's You I live for everyday; It's You I live for everyday  
It's You I live for everyday

## Liturgy for Saturday

### Gathering Song:

#### **LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH**

(By Matt Redman)

##### Refrain:

Let everything that, everything that,  
everything that has breath praise the Lord  
Let everything that, everything that,  
everything that has breath praise the Lord *(Repeat)*

##### Verse 1:

Praise You in the morning, praise You in the evening  
Praise You when I'm young and when I'm old  
Praise You when I'm laughing, praise You when  
I'm grieving

Praise You every season of the soul

If we could see how much You're worth  
Your pow'r, Your might, Your endless love  
Then surely we would never cease to praise !!  
**(To Refrain)**

##### Verse 2:

Praise You in the heavens, joining with the angels  
Praising You forever and a day.  
Praise You on the earth now, joining with creation  
Calling all the nations to Your praise

If we could see how much You're worth  
Your pow'r, Your might, Your endless love  
Then surely we would never cease to praise !!  
**(To Refrain)**



## SONGS FOR LITURGY

**Responsorial Psalm: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy**

**Preparation of Gifts:**

### WE ARE CALLED

(By David Haas)

**Verse 1:**

Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom  
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

**Refrain**

We are called to act with justice,  
we are called to love tenderly,  
we are called to serve one another;

to walk humbly with God!

**Verse 2:**

Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

**Verse 3:**

Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love!

**Communion Song:**

### HERE I AM LORD

(By Dan Schuttle)

**Verse 1:**

I the lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.  
I who make the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

**Refrain:**

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

**Verse 2:**

I the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept of love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

**(To Refrain)**

**Verse 3:**

I the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

**(To Refrain)**

**Meditation Song:**

### MIGHTY TO SAVE (By Hillsongs)

**Verse 1:**

Everyone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations

**Refrain:**

Savior; He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever; Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

**Verse 2:**

So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in  
Now I surrender

**(Refrain)**

**Bridge:**

Shine Your light and  
let the whole world see  
We're singing

For the glory of the risen King  
Jesus, Shine Your light and  
let the whole world see  
We're singing  
for the glory of the risen King  
**(Refrain)**

**Last Refrain:**

Saviour; You can move the mountains  
God You are mighty to save  
You are mighty to save  
Forever; Author of salvation  
You rose and conquered the grave  
Yes You conquered the grave

**Sending Forth:**

### MALO MALO, THANKS BE TO GOD

**Refrain**

Malo Malo Thanks be to God  
Dood-ah-hey, San-ley-gah-yah-setah  
Mi igwech, Niawen, Wopila  
Mahalo, Mahalo Thanks be to God

**VERSE 1**

Wanishi, Chukma shkee

Alilemo-lo, Yakoke

We thank you Lord, We thank you Lord

**Refrain**

**VERSE 2**

Aho and Haho  
Wado and Mado  
Hay Hay, Ahe'hee  
Udda, Shonobish-sha

We Thank you Lord, We thank you Lord

**Refrain**