

O God, You Give Welcome

A Hymn for Family Promise

ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11 (“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”)

O God, you give welcome; you care and provide.
You cherish each person with love reaching wide.
We’re made in your image and so hear your call
To humbly reach out with a welcome to all.

Yet near us are families with no place to stay
And children who won’t have a good meal today.
Your will is for justice where everyone thrives;
May we build communities, strengthening lives.

Bless children who wish for a permanent place
And youth who are longing to have their own space.
Bless parents who feel that they’re struggling alone;
May we share their journey to find a new home.

Bless houses of worship we use a new way,
As classrooms are turned into places to stay.
Bless kitchens where suppers are gladly prepared
And each sacred space where your welcome is shared.

Tune: Welsh folk melody.

Alternative Tune: William James Kirkpatrick, 1895. CRADLE SONG 11.11.11.11 (“Away in a Manger”)

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