


# Ephrem's Prayer


Melody and lyrics: © Darcy Blahut, 2021  
On St. Ephrem of Syria and St. Ambrose,  
the Honey-tongued Metropolitan of Milan,  
*Veni, Redemptor Gentium*

Verses 2-10 optional




LORD, Shed up - on our dar-kened souls The bril - liant light of  
Sun - rise marks the hour for us Who trod—bleared, smeared and  
Grant that we may come to know The ri - sen life and  
un - re - mit - ting zeal for life Let mark our flesh, let  
sa - cr - cra - ment we dare em - brace, Your e'er re - deem -  
hid - den was your Word in us, In all things spir - it -  
ta - ble set, your rich - ness spread—The wa - ter mixed, the  
beau - ti - ful and boun - te - ous The feast that you had  
you, the Child and Sa - viour of Our hands, our feet which  
look on you as on our-selves To forge our path and

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Wis - dom, That we might shine re - splen - dent - ly, Re - newed in faith and  
spent in toil— Tho' in our souls pre - par - ing fast A dwel - ling e - ver -  
no - thing but; And let us not di - stract - ed be By what de - lights are  
run our sweat, Until at dusk we' - re mea - sured by That vi - gil lamp we  
- ing body take, Which makes us wor - thy of your hope, Es - teemed in love, made  
- ual re - newed, Which ev - er since bap - ti - sm grew, The me - mo - ry which  
wine, the bread—Which seemed on - ly to mul - ti - ply And trea - sured us, and  
laid for us— A mo - ther's and a fa - ther's love, Their mor - tal im - mor -  
la - bour on, Through ve - ry light of ve - ry light, Held quick to You, our  
form our way, To walk not in the world as lost, But found in prayer, the

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mis - sion.	11. Sweet-ness of Life, cleanse us;	Wa - ters of Life, grant us that
- las - ting.	2. How	
of - fered thus.	3. O	
keep for You.	4. Our	
whole by grace.	5. Your	
made us whole:	6. For	
made us friends.	7. Your	
- ta - li - ty.	8. How	
pre - cious God;	9. So	
mir - rored day.	10. We	

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we be made To walk as Mo - ses walked on moun - tain high, To hold this vi - sion fast and in You see.