

We Gather Together #491

Netherlands folk hymn, 16th century

Transl. Theodore Baker, 1894

Adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1992

1. We gather together
to ask for God's blessing,
to live in community,
seeking God's will.
We come now, as sisters
and brothers, confessing
the sins that divide
and the wrong in us still.

2. Beside us, forgiving,
enabling, sustaining,
you call us, O Savior,
to life that is new.
you draw us away
from self-centered complaining.
You lead us and guide us
in ways that are true.

3. All praise to the Spirit,
provider, defender.
You offer us freedom,
to follow or stray,
Empowering all by
the hope you engender.
Grant wisdom and courage
to follow your way.