Out of the Depths I Cry to You

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1. Out of the depths I cry to you; O Lord, now hear me calling. Incline your ear to my distress in spite of my rebelling.

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Do not regard my sinful deeds. Send me the grace my spirit needs; without it I am nothing.

2. All things you send are full of grace; you crown our lives with favor. All our good works are done in vain without our Lord and Savior.

We praise the God who gives us faith and saves us from the grip of death; our lives are in God's keeping.

3. It is in God that we shall hope, and not in our own merit; we rest our fears in God's good Word and trust the Holy Spirit,

whose promise keeps us strong and sure; we trust the holy signature inscribed upon our temples.

4. My soul is waiting for the Lord as one who longs for morning; no watcher waits with greater hope than I for Christ's returning.

I hope as Israel in the Lord, who sends redemption through the Word. Praise God for endless mercy.