



Anthem: Take My Life

Words by Frances Havergal (1836-1879)

Music by Kenneth D. Cooper

**“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” Jesus**

John 14:6 NIV

Scripture reveals the way to follow Jesus to the Father.

**Faith:** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith---and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God---not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:8-10 NIV

Salvation is God’s work that motivates us to work. (*Disciple’s Study Bible* footnote)

**Faith in action:** Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. I Peter 4:10-11a NIV

Every gift can be placed at the service of Christ. It may be a gift of speaking, music, the ability to visit people. It may be a craft or practical skill used in service to the church or others. It may be a house for hosting others or money used to benefit the needy.

(paraphrased from *The Daily Study Bible Series: The Letters of James and Peter* by William Barclay)

The anthem lyrics are a portion of Havergal’s hymn lyrics in which she offers herself totally to God. She declared what she had to offer --- her moments and days, hands and feet, voice and lips, silver and gold. She then included what she had to offer from “within” --- her intellect and will, heart and love. (Hymn #399)

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I give myself to you through faith and action. Let me be as specific and thorough in the giving of myself as Frances Havergal. As I think over the use of my time, personal qualities, and material blessings you have entrusted to me, I ask that you show me ways to use these to your purpose and glory.

**Anthem Text**

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord, to Thee.  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love,  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;  
Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages for Thee;  
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my love my God, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store,  
Take myself and I will be ever only all for Thee.