



January Hymn DQT

4th Grade

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Day 1

The author of your January hymn, Joachim Neander, was German & lived from 1650-1680. He was the grandson of a musician & a teacher’s son, so it probably surprised no one when he became a teacher and preacher who wrote over 60 hymns and many hymn tunes. Joachim became a Christian at the age of 20 at St. Martin’s Church of Breman. He wrote this hymn when he was 30. He had just become a pastor at St. Martin Church when he became very ill and died suddenly, probably from the plague. It is still one of the most famous hymns ever written and is frequently sung in churches all over the world. It calls God’s people and all of creation to praise God. *Will you stop and praise God for all He has done for you?*

Pray

Lord, I praise You for all that You have given and all You are going to do. You are the almighty God and I love You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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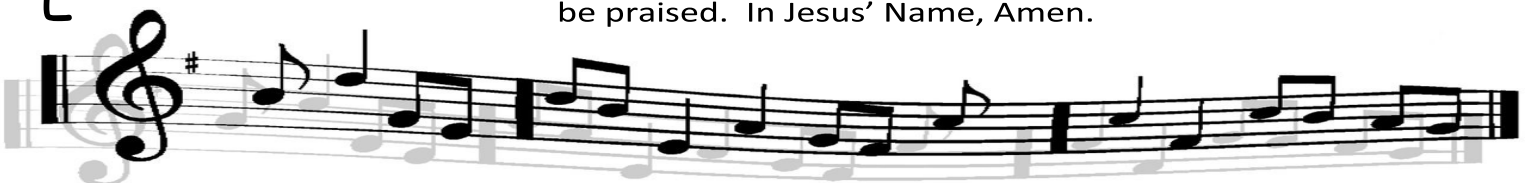
Day 2

Look up *Psalm 103:1-6* upon which (along with *Psalm 150*) this hymn is based. As you read, complete the missing blanks with the words found in your Bible.

- 1 Praise the LORD, O my _____;
all my inmost being, praise His holy name.
- 2 Praise the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his _____
- 3 who forgives _____ your sins
and _____ all your diseases,
- 4 who _____ your life from the _____
and _____ you with _____ and compassion,
- 5 who satisfies your _____ with _____ things so that
your _____ is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6 The _____ works righteousness
and justice for _____ the oppressed.

Pray

Lord, help me to praise You at all times. You are an amazing God who is worthy to be praised. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Day 3

Look up *Psalm 150* in your Bible and answer the following questions.

Where does it say to praise God? _____

List 2 things that we are to praise God for: _____

What are some instruments that are used to praise God? _____

Do these verses mention dancing as a way to praise God? _____

Verse 6 says, "let _____ that has _____ praise the Lord.

Pray

Lord, help me to praise You with all things - my life, my words, my instruments, my dancing.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day 4

Have you ever thought about what makes a song "praise"? What is the difference between just singing and *singing praises*? The answer lies in our hearts. When you really praise the Lord, your heart is overflowing with love and thanksgiving for God. Look up *Psalm 86:12* in your Bible. It says, "I will praise you, O Lord my God with _____ my heart". In *Psalm 9:1-2* it also says to praise God with all our hearts. It says that we should tell of all His _____.

Pray

Lord, help me to learn how to praise You with all my heart, mind, and soul. I will praise You for all things.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day 5

While Joachim Neander was living in Düsseldorf, Germany, he liked to go to the nearby Dussel River Valley to get inspiration for his poems. Sometimes he held gatherings there & preached. In the early 19th century the valley was named "Neander Valley" in his honor. (In German it is "Neanderthal.") In the summer of 1854, some fossils were found there of an early man that came to be called "Neanderthal man." I'm pretty sure he is the only hymn writer to have a fossil named after him.

Can you say a prayer of thanksgiving to God for men & women like Neander who used their gifts of writing words and music to praise God? Pray that you will always want to praise and thank God for His great goodness.

Pray

Lord, thank You for all of the people who have used their gifts to praise You. Help me to use the gifts You have given me to praise You everyday.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Child's Name _____ Grade/Age _____

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