

The Blessings of Spring - A poem

There are many blessings,
that each new Spring brings
you can see it bloom about
and hear the song it sings.

With winters bleakness over,
and brighter days ahead
comes promises of new life
Springtime loves to spread.

As God unfolds the flowers,
and their buds begin to show
He gives to us the assurance
grace in our hearts will grow.

He sends us the robin's song,
with the promise to provide
a shelter under His mighty wing
where in His love we can abide.

He melts the snowy covers,
and sends the refreshing rain
sprinkling us with His mercies
to heal winter's ache and pain.

God's given to all His Son,
to shed upon us a new light
and the real blessing of Spring . . .
is keeping Jesus in our sight
Deborah Ann

Final Blessing

May the God of Love surround you.
May the God of Joy delight you.
May the God of Mystery surprise you.
May the God of Hope sustain you.
May the God of Wisdom direct you.
In Jesus' name. Amen



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Opening verse

"For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land".

Song of Songs 2:11-12

The appearance of flowers, the sound of singing, and the voice of the turtle dove represent joy, hope and new beginnings. Everyday God, through His love, gives us a new beginning, so let us thank and praise Him. God is always faithful.

A hymn that celebrates God's faithful presence through every season of our lives:

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Great is Thy faithfulness

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*Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with 10,000 beside.

Thomas O. Chisholm 1923

A thought and a prayer

There is real wisdom, Lord, in the adage 'It is always Springtime in the heart that loves God.'
Springtime is a season of optimism and hope, and the Christian lives a faith centred on hope.
Winter, with its cold and dark days has gone, just as Good Friday has passed to Easter and beyond.
We live a resurrection life reflected in the new life springing up around us.

Thank You, Lord, for the hope that You bring, the renewal that You bring, both to this world and to our hearts and lives. Amen

Bible verses

For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations. Isaiah 61:11

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.

Like the crocus. Isaiah 35:1

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Prayers

We give thanks Lord for the cycle of life which brings death and rebirth

A. We rejoice in the promise of Spring

For lengthening days
and sunlight's warmth upon the soil

A. We rejoice in the promise of Spring

For a snowdrop's beauty
reflecting its Creator's artistry

A. We rejoice in the promise of Spring

For new born lambs
their joy and exuberance

A. We rejoice in the promise of Spring

For all of creation
and the majesty of its Creator

A. We rejoice in the promise of Spring. Amen

Heavenly Father, may the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too. Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen