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Foreword

I have enjoyed writing these Poems of Inspiration. Written out of a deep, abiding love for my GOD and King I give Him all thanks and praise for the inspiration He provides me. I fervently pray that you will enjoy and be comforted through the reading of the poems herein.

I dedicate this book to all the Saints who have given their lives in service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. My earnest desire is have the courage and the faith of those brave men and women (both past and present), who lived the kind of dedicated lives all Christians aspire to.

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May GOD grant you His Peace and Comfort that surpasses all understanding...now and forever.

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Amazing Grace

"Take up your cross and follow me."

To Disciples the Lord Jesus said.
We would like to do just as the Master asks,
But follow our desires instead.

For have we all faltered and fallen far short
Of doing the Saviors will.
But although we continually fail the Lord GOD,
His deep love remains for us still.

As I reflect back on the years gone by...
As I review what my life has been...
My heart is grieved at how I have failed my dear Lord
Through repeated acts of sin.

Forgive me Lord, for I've strayed from you,
My thoughts were all upon me.
But sweet Lamb of GOD, you thought only of us
The day you died at Calvary.

The deep mystery to me I simply can't understand
Is why you would shed your holy grace
Upon poor wretches as us so riddled with sin
Throughout this sad human race.

For we are unworthy of the tender love
You rain upon us without reserve.
And your gift of life eternal in Heaven
Is far more than we sinners deserve.

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*"For GOD so loved the world,
That he gave His only begotten Son,
That whosoever believeth in Him
Should not perish, but have
Everlasting life." **

** **John 3:16***

And the *Greatest* of these is Love

One hundred and seventy four times in the bible,
You'll find the printed word... Love.
Why, you may ask, is it mentioned so often?
Because it comes from our Father above.

For He is the author of *all* good things;
But love is His cornerstone of life.
It's the salve for life's wounds that He has provided...
The strong bond between man and wife.

Love is patient and kind, never jealous or boastful;
Never insistent on having it's way.
Love bears all things; love never ends;
Unlike prophecies that shall pass away.

If I speak fluently in the tongues of men
Or sing the Angels' sweetest song;
If I have prophetic powers and discern deep mysteries,
Without love I'm but a noisy gong.

I paraphrase this passage that was written by Paul
To the Corinthian Church long ago. *
And his message to them is also for us,
Given to us so we will know

The most important thing in the entire world,
Is the love that is placed in the heart
By our Father in Heaven trying to tell us,
'Put your horse before the cart'.

For knowledge is imperfect and prophecies too,
But faith, hope and love all abide...
And the greatest of these is a love given freely
By our GOD always there at our side.

*** Corinthians 13:
(Paraphrased)**

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About the author:



I have found poetry to be a wonderfully spiritual way for me to commune with God, and it matters not whether I am writing the poems, or simply reading them; a quiet serenity comes over me during those times that is a great comfort to my soul.

I began my writings more than thirty years ago during a time in my life when I was unable to sleep well at night because of a painful back.

As a consequence, throughout the night, I would have to get up to apply a heating pad, and it was during these times that I began reading the Bible. This subsequently led me to the writing of poetry, for I have found the Holy Bible to be most effective in inspiring ideas.

I have also been moved to write by the sight of a beautiful sunrise or sunset, or a mountain view...Perhaps just a word, phrase or scene will pop into my head at times while I'm exercising. Many ideas have come to me in my sleep and at those times I am compelled to get up go to my computer or to get a pencil and paper to jot the idea down before it is forgotten.

It is my sincere hope that you will enjoy the reading of these poems and I pray that you will be blessed.

In His Service,

John A. McKee