Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 139

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
   O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
   All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
   Hast thou not known his sustaining power?

2. Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrouslly reigns!
   Bears thee on eagle’s wings, e’er in his keeping main;
   Ponder anew what the Almighty can do for thee.
   Who with his love doth befriend thee.

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
   Sure his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
   Then to thy need God as a mother doth foretell
   Speed, spreading the wings of grace o’er thee.

4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee;
   Fit thee well for the tasks that are ever before him!
   Let the Amen sound from his people abroad
   Gain, gladly forever adoring him.

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore thee!
   All that hath life and breath, come now with praises!
   All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
   Hast thou not known his sustaining power?

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1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, the profit soon and hopeless gain.

2. Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
by this we worshipship, and are freed.

3. Come, Spirit, come, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;

GIFT OF LOVE

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The things, good Lord, that we pray for, give us the grace to labor for.

Thomas More, England, 16th cent.

Amen.