

# Lamp of Our Feet

WORD OF GOD

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1. Lamp of our feet! where - by we trace Our path, when wont to stray;  
 2. Bread of our souls! where - on we feed; True man - na from on high!  
 3. Pil - lar of fire- through watch - es dark! Or ra - diant cloud by day!  
 4. Pole- star on life's tem - pest - uous deep! Bea - con! when doubts sur - round;  
 5. Rich - es in pov - er - ty! our aid In ev - ery need - ful hour!

Stream from the fount of heav'n - ly grace! Brook by the trav - 'ler's way!  
 Our guide, and chart where - in we read Of realms be - yond the sky.  
 When waves would whelm our toss - ing bark- Our an - chor and our stay!  
 Com - pass! by which our course we keep; Our deep sea- lead, to sound!  
 Un - sha - ken rock! the pil - grim's shade; The sol - dier's for - tress tow'r.

6. Our shield and buckler in the fight!  
 Vict'ry's triumphant palm!  
 Comfort in grief! in weakness, might!  
 In sickness, Gilead's balm.

7. Childhood's preceptor! manhood's trust!  
 Old age's firm ally!  
 Our hope-when we go down to dust,  
 Of immortality.

8. Pure oracles of truth divine!  
 Unlike each fabled dream  
 Given forth from Delphos' mystic shrine  
 Or groves of Academe!

9. Word of the ever-living God!  
 Will of His glorious Son!  
 Without Thee, how could earth be trod?  
 Or Heaven itself be won?

10. Yet to unfold thy hidden worth,  
 Thy mysteries to reveal,  
 That Spirit which first gave thee forth,  
 Thy volume must unseal!

11. And we, if we aright would learn  
 The wisdom it imparts,  
 Must to its heavenly teaching turn  
 With simple, child-like hearts!