

**“God of Grace and God of Glory”**  
Written by Henry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969)

I have been reading a book titled *The One Year Book of Hymns*, that includes 365 devotional readings, based on the great hymns of the faith. This book is very inspirational for me and gives the background of why they were written. So many of our hymns have a deep message of faith to encourage and strengthen us.

“God of Grace and God of Glory,  
On thy people pour Thy Power;  
Crown Thine ancient Church’s story,  
Bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom,  
Grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Lo the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us,  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom,  
Grant us courage  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

Cure Thy Children’s warring madness;  
Bend our pride to Thy control;  
Shame our wanton selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom,  
Grant us courage,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom’s goal,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom’s goal.

Set our feet on lofty places,  
Gird our lives that they may be

Armored with all Christlike graces  
In the fight to make men free.  
Grant us wisdom,  
Grant us courage,  
That we fail not man or Thee,  
That we fail not man or thee."

We need to pray every day for God to give us strength and courage to live out these days as he would want us to do.

This hymn was written in 1930 for the dedication of the Riverside Church in New York City, but every day has it's crucial moments for wisdom and courage.

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightful or dismayed, for the Lord is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:19

