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## A HYMN.

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Thy kingdom come,—on bended knee  
The passing ages pray ;  
And faithful souls have yearned to see  
On earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night  
Not less to God belong,  
And for the everlasting right  
The silent stars are strong.

And lo ! already on the hills  
The flags of dawn appear ;  
Gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,  
Proclaim the day is near :

The day in whose clear-shining light  
All wrong shall stand appear ;  
When justice shall be throned in might,  
And every hurt be healed.

When knowledge hand in hand with peace  
Shall walk the earth abroad,—  
The day of perfect righteousness,  
The promised day of God !

## FROM TOLSTOI'S "SPIRIT OF CHRIST'S TEACHING."

### CHAPTER XI.

#### THE FAREWELL DISCOURSE.

PERSONAL LIFE IS A DECEPTION OF THE  
FLESH, AN EVIL. TRUE LIFE IS THE  
LIFE WHICH IS COMMON TO ALL  
MEN.

*(But deliver us from the evil one.)*

Jesus feeling himself ready for death, went forth to give himself up. Peter stopped him, and asked him whither he was going. Jesus answered, I am going whither thou canst not come. I am ready for death, and thou art not yet ready. Peter said, Not so ; I am now ready to lay down my life for thee. Jesus answered that a man can promise

nothing. He said to His disciples, I know that death awaits me, but I believe in the life of the Father, and therefore do not fear death. Be not troubled by my death, but believe in the true God, and in the Father of Life, and then my death will not seem terrible to you. If I am united with the Father of Life, I cannot lose life. It is true that I do not tell you the how and the where of life after death, but I show you the way into true life. My teaching does not speak of what life will do, but points out the only true way to life, by union with the Father. The Father is the beginning of life. My teaching is that life is in the will of the Father, and that the fulfillment of His will gives life and happiness to all men. Your guide, when I am no longer with you, will be your knowledge of the truth. While you fulfil my teaching, you will always feel that you are in the truth, that the Father is in you, and you are in the Father. And you, knowing the Father within you, will feel that peace which nothing can take from you. Therefore, if you know the truth and live in it, neither my death nor your own can alarm you.

Men imagine that each has a separate existence in his own individual will, but this is a deception. The only true life is that which acknowledges the source of life in the will of the Father. My teaching unfolds this unity of life, and represents life, not as consisting of separate branches, but as the one tree from which all branches grow. Only he who lives in the will of the Father, like the branch on a tree, really lives, and he who lives by his own will, perishes like the branch which drops off. The Father gave away my