

Benediction

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INTRO *Gently* (♩ = ca. 60)

Capo 1: (E sus2)

F sus2 (E) F (A add9) B b add9

VERSE 1

(E sus2) F sus2 (E) F (A add9) B b add9 (E sus2) F sus2

1. May the peace of God be with you. May the fa - vor of

(E) F (E/A) F/B b (G # m7) A m7

1. the Lord up - on you rest. May his grace up - on you shine

(A add9) B b add9 (C ° 7) C # ° 7 (C # m) D m (C # m/B) D m/C (F # m7) G m7

1. and give you light in dark - est times. May the peace

(B 7 sus4) C 7 sus4 (E sus2) F sus2 (E) F (A m6/E) B b m6/F

1. of God be yours.

VERSES 2, 3

(E sus2) F sus2 (E) F (A add9) B b add9

2. May the love of God be with you.
3. May the joy of God be with you.

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Melody

(Esus2) Fsus2 (E) F (E/A) F/Bb

2. May your faith - ful trust in him nev - er fail. May he
 3. May you spring up liv - ing wa - ter in your soul. May you

Harmony I (Tenor or Alto/Tenor)

(G#m7) (Aadd9) (C°7) (C#m) (C#m/B)
 Am7 Bbadd9 C#°7 Dm Dm/C

2. show - er you with grace, may you feel his warm em - brace.
 3. run and nev - er tire, may his will be your de - sire.

Harmony II (Treble or Tenor)

3. Will be your de - sire.

(F#m7) (B7sus4) 1 (Esus2) (E)
 Gm7 C7sus4 Fsus2 F

2. May the love of God be yours.
 3. May the joy of God be yours.

3. _____

(Am6/E) 2 (C) (Dsus4) (D)
 Bbm6/F Db Ebsus4 Eb

3. _____

3. The joy of God, the love of God.

3. Peace and love of God.

VERSE 4

(Gsus2) Absus2 (G) Ab (Cadd9) Dbadd9

4. May the hope of God be with you. May he

3. _____ 4. May the hope lift you up, _____

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(Gsus2) Absus2 (G) Ab (G/C) Ab/Db

4. lift your spir - it up on an - gel's wings. May your

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4. _____ lift you up, _____

(Bm7) Cm7 (Cadd9) Dbadd9 (D#°7) E°7 (Em) (Em/D) Fm Fm/Eb

4. ver - y pres - ence be a fra - grant of - fer - ing.

4. ver - y pres - ence be gift of love.

4. a gift of love.

(Am7) Bbm7 (D7sus4) Eb7sus4 (B7) C7 (B7/D#) C7/E (Em) Fm (Em/D) Fm/Eb

4. May the hope__ of God:_____ Fa - ther, Son__ and Spir - it—_____

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(Am7) Bbm7 (D7sus4) Eb7sus4 (G sus2) Absus2 (G) Ab

4. may the bless - ings of God_____ be yours, _____

4. - it, _____ God_____ be yours, _____

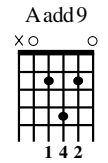
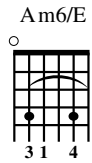
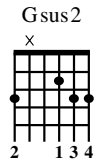
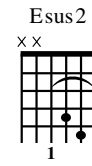
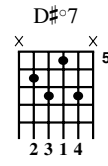
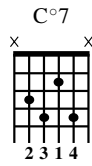
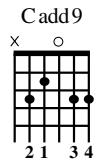
4. - it, _____

(G/C) Ab/Db (G sus2) Absus2 (G) Ab

4. may they_____ be yours. _____

(G/C) Ab/Db (G) Ab *rit.*

Guitar Chord Charts



Composer Notes

Benediction begins quietly with a soft piano and solo vocal growing to a broader sound after the first verse. Whether the melody is sung by female voices at pitch or male voices an octave lower (*Bvb*), the Harmony I part is intended to be sung an octave lower by either tenor or alto voices and the Harmony II part at pitch by treble or tenor voices. This piece can be used for Graduation and Baccalaureate ceremonies as well as a general song of blessing.

—Curtis Stephan

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4. Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it -



4. may the bless - ings of God be yours.

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