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**Grace Gets Us Started!**

*Amazing Grace...that saved a wretch like me!  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.*

Ephesians 2:8, NLT & 2 Timothy 1:9, NIV  
God saved you by his grace when you believed...He saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.

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**Grace Keeps Us Going!**

The message of the middle two stanzas:  
This grace that first **SAVED** us  
also **SUSTAINS** us every day!

Grace keeps us going because it keeps on coming!  
1 Peter 5:10; James 4:6 & John 1:16, ESV  
The God of all grace...He gives more grace...And from his fullness, we have all received grace upon grace.

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**Amazing Grace! Lifelong Grace!**

*Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.*

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**Expect Hardships Along The Way!**

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come.*

Acts 14:22, NIV  
We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.

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**Expect Grace Along The Way!**

*'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far...*

2 Corinthians 12:7-9, NIV  
Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you..."

Hebrews 4:16, NIV  
Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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**In His Good Graces!**

*The Lord has promised good to me...*

James 1:17, NIV  
Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father...

Romans 8:28, NLT  
And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

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**God Is A Promise-Keeper!**

*...his word my hope secures.*

Hebrews 6:18-19, NIV  
...it is impossible for God to lie...we have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

Romans 15:4, NLT  
And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

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**Lifelong Grace!**

*He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

Psalm 3:3 & 5:12, NIV  
But you, O Lord, are a shield around me...Surely Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

Psalm 142:5, NIV  
I cry to you, Lord; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

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### Safe Thus Far...And Farther!

*...grace will lead me home.*

2 Timothy 4:18, NIV

The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom.

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### Lifelong Grace

All 13 of Paul's NT letters BEGIN "*Grace to you!*" and END "*Grace be with you!*" -- reminding us that life on earth is lived by grace from beginning to end!

Fittingly, the last verse in the Bible is this:

*The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.*

Revelation 22:21, NIV

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