The Heav'ns Declare (*Sola Scriptura*)

**Man:** The Word of God is a lamp unto our feet and a light for our pathways.

**Woman:** It shines in darkness and tells us of God's love.

**Man:** It reveals his justice; it discloses His truth.

**Woman:** God's Word guides us with a law of love and shows us the way to righteousness.

**Man:** Above all, his Word tells of the Good News.

**Woman:** Through it, we learn of Christ and his saving love.

**Man:** Let us all declare the goodness of the Lord:

**Woman:** We praise you, O God, and give thanks for your Word.

**Man:** With all creation, we praise you.

**Woman:** With all the angels and the whole population of heaven, we praise you.

**Man:** The heavens declare your glory, O God.

**Woman:** And we will honor you by proclaiming your Word and living in its light.
Let us Plead for Faith Alone (*Sola Fide*)

Woman: Faith in God and faith in Christ. These are the only things that sustain us in this life.

Man: Yes, and faith in the Holy Spirit who teaches us this faith and gives us new birth.

**Man & Woman together:** We plead, O God, that you give us this faith. We ask that you justify us by faith and save us from our sins.

Man: We believe in the cross of Jesus Christ.

Woman: Through His suffering, we are healed.

**Man & Woman together:** We bring nothing to the cross, but our own brokenness. We lay ourselves at the foot of the cross, seeking a love we do not deserve.

Woman: We believe in a living faith.

Man: A faith that is alive in our hearts and active in our lives.

**Man & Woman together:** We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son. We believe in the Holy Spirit and the one, Christian Church. This is what we believe, O Lord. Help our unbelief!
Grace Alone (Sola Gratia)

Man: Amazing grace!

**Woman: How sweet the sound!**

Man: We trust in God’s grace above all things.

**Woman: With it, we are saved—without it, we are lost.**

Man: Let us give thanks to God for his unceasing love.

Gracious God,

**Man & Woman together:** In deepest gratitude, we come to you. Through the life and love of Jesus Christ, you have shown us your mercy. We have not deserved it, yet you so freely have provided it. We cannot repay, indeed, we cannot fathom the love you have for your people. By your grace, and through your Holy Spirit, inspire us to be people who show your mercy to others.

Let us love as you teach us to love.  
Let us speak as you inspire us to speak.  
Let us act as you will for us to act.  
Let us seek justice as you bring justice.  
Let us show mercy as your grace gives us mercy.

We seek to do these things not as means to earn your favor, but because of the well of gratitude in our hearts. We pray in the holy name of Jesus who is Christ, our Gracious Lord. Amen.
Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun/
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation *(Solus Christus)*

Man: Of all who reign, there is but one
   Whose love will reign beneath the sun,

   **Woman:** Whose light reveals the darkest place,
      Whose mercy gladdens heart and face.

Man: It is the Christ, the Anointed One,
   Who lives and reigns as God’s own Son.

   **Woman:** His mercy rules throughout the earth
      Bringing hope and second birth.

Man: Reign in our hearts, dear Jesus, blest;
   Though weak and frail, we pledge our best

   **Woman:** To be your subjects, to live for you,
      To honor you in all we do.

Man: Come, Lord Jesus, be our King.

   **Woman:** Hear the praise our hearts now bring.
Glory Be to the Father (*Soli Deo Gloria*)

Woman: To God alone be the glory!

Man: To God alone we declare our praise!

**Man & Woman together:** We praise you, God the Father, for you have made the vast cosmos and every sub-atomic part of the machinery of the universe.

Man: To God alone be the glory!

Woman: To God alone we declare our praise!

**Man & Woman together:** We praise you, Jesus Christ, the Son, who saves us from our sin and makes us to be sisters and brothers, inheritors of God’s precious grace.

Man: To God alone be the glory!

Woman: To God alone we declare our praise!

**Man & Woman together:** We praise you, Holy Spirit, for your sweeping power that calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies your people and keeps them in the one true faith.

Man: To God alone be the glory!

Woman: To God alone we declare our praise!

**Man & Woman together:**
Glory be to the God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son, and
Glory be to God the Holy Spirit.
We praise you, O blessed and mysterious Trinity.
*In soli Deo Gloria!*