

## **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

### **Verse 3**

And though this world with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us.  
We will not fear for God has willed,  
His truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
We tremble not for him.  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo' his doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.

### **Verse 4**

That word above all earthly powers,  
No thanks to them abideth,  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours,  
Through Him who with us sideth,  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also,  
The body they may kill,  
God's truth abideth still.  
His kingdom is forever.

about this hymn:                      Words: Psalm 100; Paraphrased, William Kethes    Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551 Edition, attr. Louis Bourgeois  
Long ago, a man named Martin Luther was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote the words to a hymn called "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" We're going to learn a couple verses from it. "

We do not have to look very far to see signs that God's good world and good ways are challenged by a powerful enemy called Satan. He and other angels rebelled against God long ago. No wonder his nickname is the "Prince of Darkness" and these rebel angels are called demons! They love to oppose God. These enemies also want to cause trouble for God's people. This may sound very scary. No one wants to have powerful enemies like these. But the good news is that they are not even close to a match for God. He is so much more powerful than they are. He will always win over any of their wicked plans. And thanks to Jesus, God gives His people powerful gifts to fight these enemies, too. He puts His Holy Spirit in their heart to make them bold. He gives them other abilities that help them fight, too. Yes, with Jesus on the side of God's people, it doesn't matter what Satan might have planned. God will always win. His kingdom is forever.

**World**

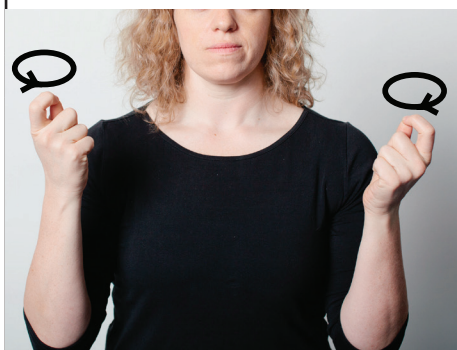
Thumb and index fingers of downturned right "5" hand are placed on sides of downturned "S" hand. The right hand pivots back and forth while keeping light contact with left hand.

**Threaten**

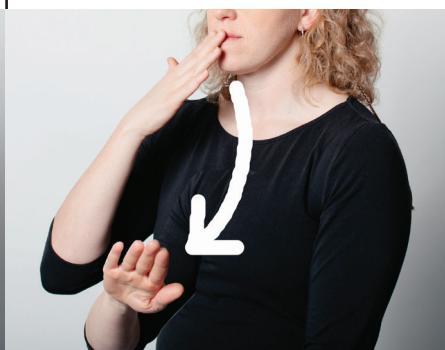
Left closed hand is held in front of body, knuckles facing right. Back of right "A" thumb is moved over the back of the left hand and up.

**Fear, Tremble**

Move hands, fingers together, across chest inward at the same time, opening hands as you move inward.

**Triumph**

Both upright hands pretend to grasp imaginary flags and wave them in small circles at head height.

**Grim**

Tips of right "B" hand touch closed lips then the hand is moved downward, as if tasting something then throwing it down.

**Not**

Right "A" thumb is placed under chin, palm facing left, then moved forward in an arc and pivoted until knuckles face forward.

**Rage**

Fingertips of curved hands are placed on abdomen and drawn up chest forcefully in slight inward arcs.

**Doom**

The right palm, fingers together, palm facing left, slides along the side of the index finger of the left hand which has fingers together and palm facing body.

**Word**

Tips of right index finger and thumb are held about an inch apart as they are brought to touch index finger of extended left index finger.

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, v.4

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**Word**

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**Thanks**

Touch lips with fingertips of both flat hands, then move hands forward until palms are facing upward.

**Spirit**

Right "H" hand, palm facing left, slides from heel to fingertips of left flat hand, palm up. Then touch the thumbs and index fingers of both "T" hands to each other, right hand above left, palms facing each other. Draw hands apart in an upward motion.

**Sideth**

Tap the right "S" hand twice against side of the left "S" hand, palms facing in.

**Kindred**

"P" hands, held side by side, make alternating forward circles.

**Life**

Upturned thumbs of "A" hands move upward in front of chest in unison.

**Body**

Both flat hands touch body on upper chest then move downward and touch body again.

**Truth**

Place the right index finger, palm facing left, on lower lip. Move the finger up and then out, making an arc.

**Forever**

Downturned right "Y" hand moves up and away from body.



## **And Now, Lord**

And now, Lord, look upon their threats,  
And grant to your servants to continue to speak,  
Your word with all boldness,  
Your word with all boldness,  
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And when they had prayed,  
They were all filled, With the Holy Spirit,  
And continued to speak,  
The word of God with boldness,  
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Acts Four, twenty-nine and thirty-one.

about this Bible verse:

Words: Acts 4:29,31, ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2015

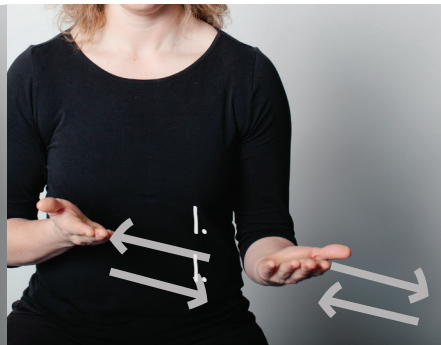
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And Now, Lord: Acts 4:29,31

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**Lord**

Thumb of right "L" hand, palm facing left. touches left shoulder, then is brought down to touch right hip.

**Servants**

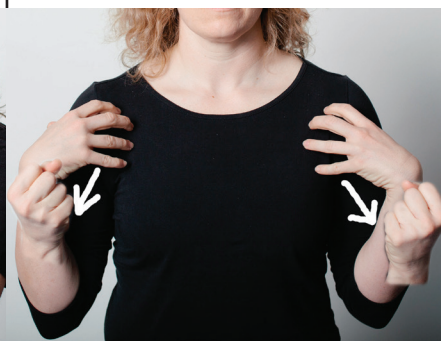
Move both flat hands back and forward in opposite directions.

**Word**

Left middle finger touches right palm, then right middle finger touches left palm. Bring flat hands are held together, palms touching and fingertips pointing forward, then opened with the little fingers still touching as if opening a book. (Signs for Jesus + book)

**Great**

Left flat hand rests on back of right flat hand. Right flat hand is then brought up and around left hand and pivots so that back of right hand rests in left palm.

**Boldness**

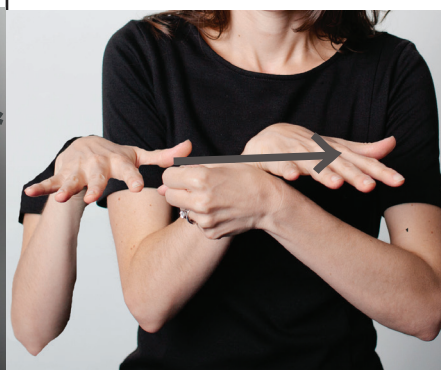
Touch chest below shoulders with fingertips of both open hands. Then move hands forward forcefully, changing them into "S" hands.

**Prayed**

Hold flat hands together in pray position. If desired, can bow head, too.

**Shaken**

Hold open hands in front of body, palms facing each other. Both hands are moved in and out, while wiggling fingers back and forth at the same time.

**Filled**

Left arm, palm down, faces right with index finger extended and touching elbow of right arm, which points up with index finger extended up. Right arm is then pivoted down in an arc until it rests just above left elbow.

**Holy Spirit**

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Speak Your word with all boldness,  
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And when they had prayed  
The place where they were gathered,  
The place where they were gathered was shaken,  
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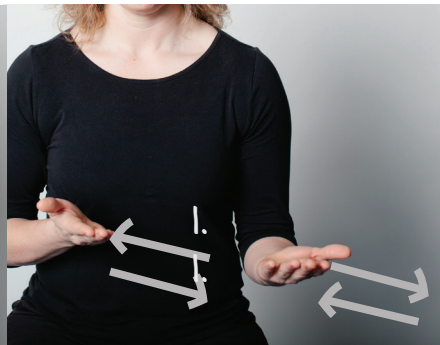


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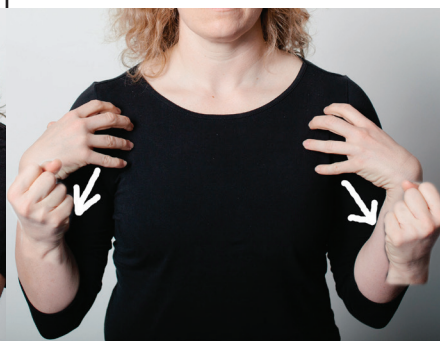
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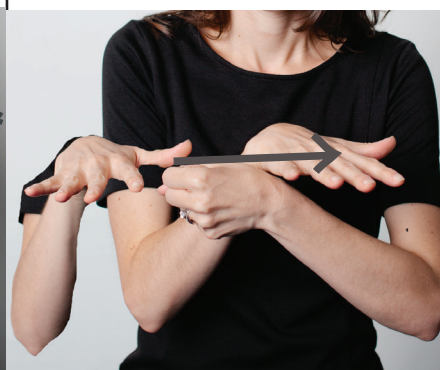
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## Fan into Flame

Fan into flame your faith,  
The gift of God,  
Fan into flame your faith,  
The gift of God,  
For God gave us a spirit not of fear  
But of power and love and self-control.  
Second Timothy One, six and seven.

about this Bible verse:

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After a fire burns for a while, the wood turns to coals and the flame dies down. But if you take a piece of paper and fan the coals, the flames rise up again from the wind the fanning created. God gives His people the gift of faith when they turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. The Holy Spirit comes to live inside them and helps them know God and live for Him. By His Holy Spirit, God's people will go on loving Him and living for Him all the days of their lives.

But, there are times when their faith feels weak and life is hard. This Bible verse encourages them to keep on believing and to keep on living for God, with the help of the Holy Spirit. It encourages them to have an active faith: to seek God and to ask Him to work in them even more, by His Spirit, especially in those times when it is hard and their faith feels weak. God's gave His people His Holy Spirit and He can work inside them, helping them turn away from fear and living by God's power, His love and self-control for everything they face. He is the one who strengthens the "flame" of their faith. He gives them courage.



## Fan into Flame: 2 Timothy 1:6,7 ESV

## PFI ESV Songs 10, Track 19

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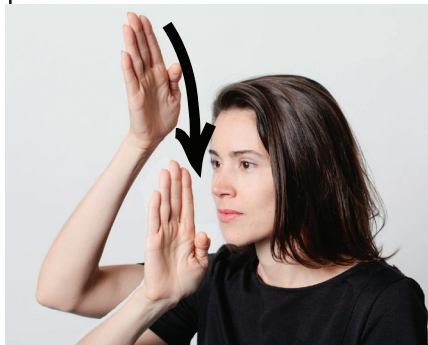
Both hands, fingers spread apart and pointing up, move back and forth a few times while wiggle fingers at the same time.

**Faith**

Right index finger touches forehead. Then, right "F" hand, palm facing in, hits left "F" hand, palm facing in, in a down-up-down motion, ending with right thumb-index finger resting on left thumb-index finger.

**Gift**

Both modified "Z" hands are held at chest, then brought down and forward, as if giving something to someone.

**God**

Right open hand, palm facing left, is held up above head level then brought down and back in a slight arc, ending with a "B" hand at the upper chest level.

**Spirit**

Touch the thumbs and index fingers of both "T" hands to each other, right hand above left, palms facing each other. Draw hands apart in an upward motion.

**Fear**

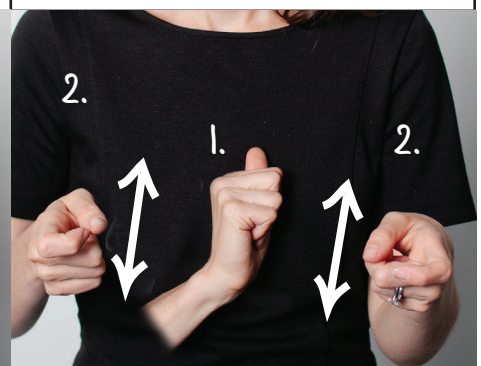
Move hands, fingers together, across chest inward at the same time, opening hands as you move inward.

**Power**

Both "S" hands, palms facing body, are thrust forward and up in unison.

**Love**

Pat forehead with right fingers several times..

**Self-Control**

Right "A" hand touches center of chest, then move hands back and forth as if pulling forwards and back on horse's reins.

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, vs.3-4

B $\flat$  F Dm Gm C F Gm Dm E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Gm Cm F B $\flat$

2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, Our striv-ing would be los-ing; Were  
 3. And tho' this world with de-vils filled, Should threat-en to un-do us, We  
 4. That word a-bove all earth-ly pow'rs, No thanks to them, a bid-eth; The

5 F Dm Gm C F Gm Dm E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Gm Cm F B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  C

not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choos-ing: Dost ask who that may  
 will not fear, for God has willed His truth to tri-umph thro' us: The Prince of Dark-ness  
 Spir-it and the gifts are ours Thro' Him who with us sid-eth: Let goods and kin-dred

10 F B $\flat$  A $^+$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $^\circ$  Gm F $^\sharp$ m Gm A $^6$  B $\flat$  $^{13}$  C F E $\flat$

be? Christ Je-sus, it is He; Lord, Sa-ba-oth, His name, From  
 grim, We trem-ble not for him; His rage we can en-dure, For  
 go, This mor-tal life al-so; The bod-y they may kill: God's

15 B $\flat$  G Cm D Gm Dm E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Gm Cm F B $\flat$

age to age the same, And He must win the bat-tle.  
 lo, his doom is sure, One lit-tle word shall fell him.  
 truth a-bid-eth still, His king-dom is for-ev-er.

Words and Music: Martin Luther

## And Now, Lord

C(sus2) G/B A<sup>7</sup> D/A C(sus2) G/B C  
 And now, Lord, look up-on their threats. and grant to your ser-vants to con-tin-ue to  
 8 D C(sus2) G/B C(sus2) G/B C D  
 speak, your word with all bold-ness, your word with all bod-ness, your word with all bold-ness.  
 15 G D Em D C Bm  
 — And when they had prayed, they were all filled with the Hol-ly Spir-it and con  
 22 C D C(sus2) G/B C(sus2) C<sup>6</sup>  
 tin-ued to speak, the word of God with bold-ness, the word of God with  
 27 G C D G C(sus2) G/B C D G  
 bold-ness, the word with bold-ness. Acts Four, twen-ty-nine and thir-ty-one.

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# **Now, Lord, Look upon Their Threats**

Musical score for the song 'Now, Lord, Look upon Their Threats'. The score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Now, Lord look up-on their threats, and grant to your ser-vants to speak your word, to speak your word with all bold - ness, speak with all bold - ness. And when they had prayed the place where they were gath-ered, the place were they were gathered was sha - ken, and they were all filled with the Ho-ly Spir - it, the Ho - ly Spir - it. Acts\_ Chap-ter Four, twen-ty - nine and thir - ty-one.'

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# **Fan Into Flame**

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Musical score for the song 'Fan Into Flame'. The score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (Bbb). It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Fan in-to flame-your faith-the gift of God, fan in-to flame-your faith-the gift of God. For God gave us a spi - rit not of fear, but of pow - er and love and self - con - trol. Se - cond Ti - moth - y One, six and sev - en.'

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