

## THE HANDS



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**His gentle hands will comfort us  
When things don't go our way;  
His outstretched hands are ready  
to welcome the one who goes astray;  
With hands of love he lifts us up  
when to the ground we fall,  
And those same hands will guide us  
when we accept his call.**

**If we but place our hands in his,  
such comfort we will find  
In knowing that our human hands  
are held by the Divine;**

**Our hands, made in his image  
and created for his use  
To touch the broken hearted  
and the one who's been abused;  
Our hands – to be lifted in praise to him,  
and to be clasped in prayer;  
Our hands – to serve the hungry  
and help those in despair.**

**We give you thanks Almighty God  
for these hands -- Your creation.  
Cleanse them, use them.  
May they bring comfort and healing  
to people of every nation.**

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