

## ***Christmas-at-Sea***

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# **Seafarers International House**

### ***A Prayer for Seafarers***

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Lord, ruler over waves and sea,  
keep your faithful hand over all seafarers as they face danger on their journeys,  
loneliness on their extended time away from home,  
and isolation as they spend months and months apart from dry land.

Give them strength to keep their faith, incentive to care for their mind and body, and an awareness that the prayers of all of us surround them and that they are not alone.  
May fair winds and following seas be their blessing and our visits and gifts to them be their benediction.  
Amen.

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Eternal God who alone spreads forth the heavens and rules the raging of the sea: Be pleased to receive into your protection all those who go down to the sea in ships and do business in great waters. Make their voyages safe for themselves and their good and guide their ways in your light until their journeys shall end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

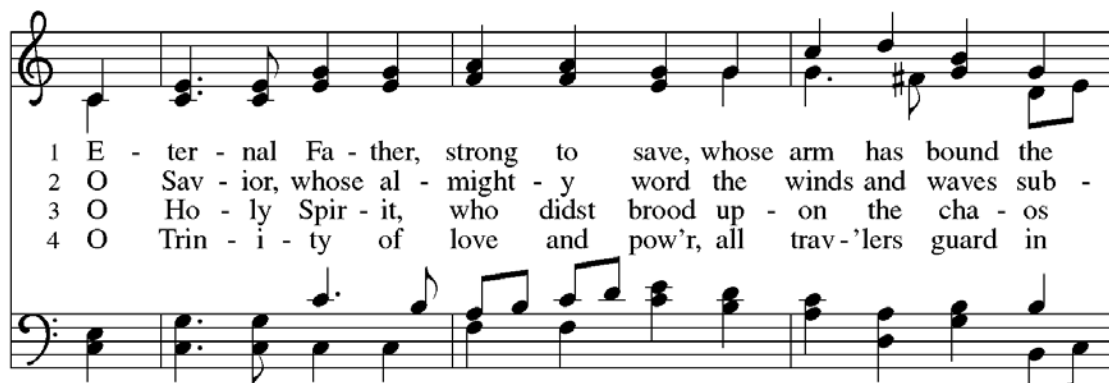
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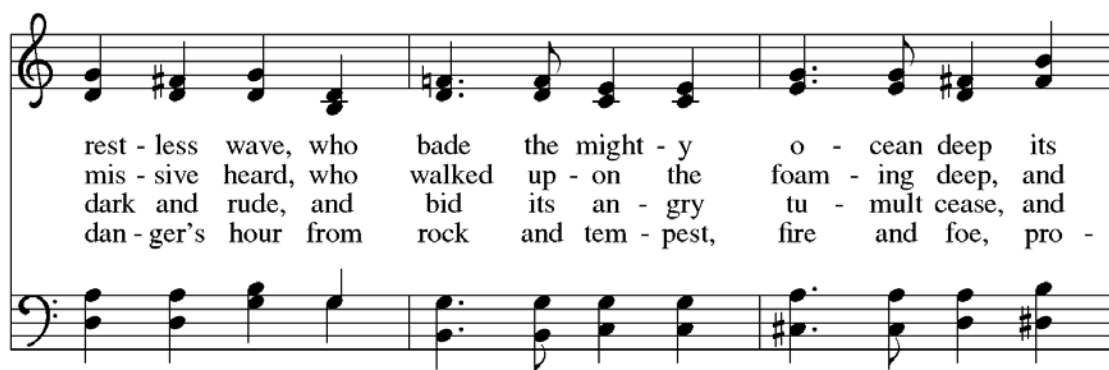
*When you hear of severe weather coming your way,  
don't pray that the storm goes out to sea!  
Pray that it just fizzles out.*

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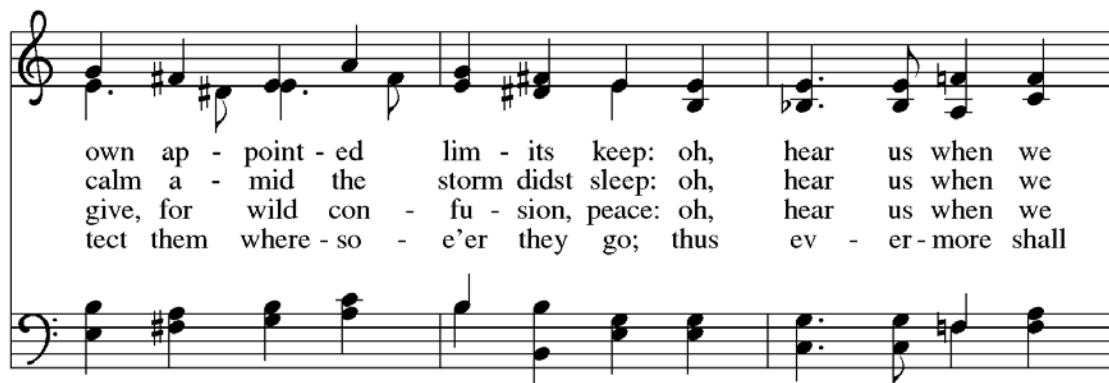
## Eternal Father, Strong to Save




1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.  
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876