

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth
as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us.
Do not bring us to the time of trial but deliver us
from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are
yours, now and for ever.
Amen**

Psalm 46 God says, 'Stop it!'

Wars and rumours of wars swirl around us;
corporate conflicts engulf us. Only God stands firm
in these shifting sands.

God is our shelter from strife;

God gives us strength for the stresses of each day.

We have nothing to fear.

Though the social order is shaken,

Though our leaders come crashing down,

Though our honoured standards fly at half-mast

And the values we inherited are scorned –

Even then we have nothing to fear.

The comforting presence of God pours over us

Like cool water on a burning beach; It makes us

glad.

God is with us.

God is an oasis of calm in a frenzy of feeding sharks.

The ambitious climb over each other.

The emperor stands naked in the clear eyes of innocence.

They are all frozen in their folly.

But God is with us. God is our sanctuary.

See how wonderfully the Lord works!

Those who would beat others have beaten themselves;

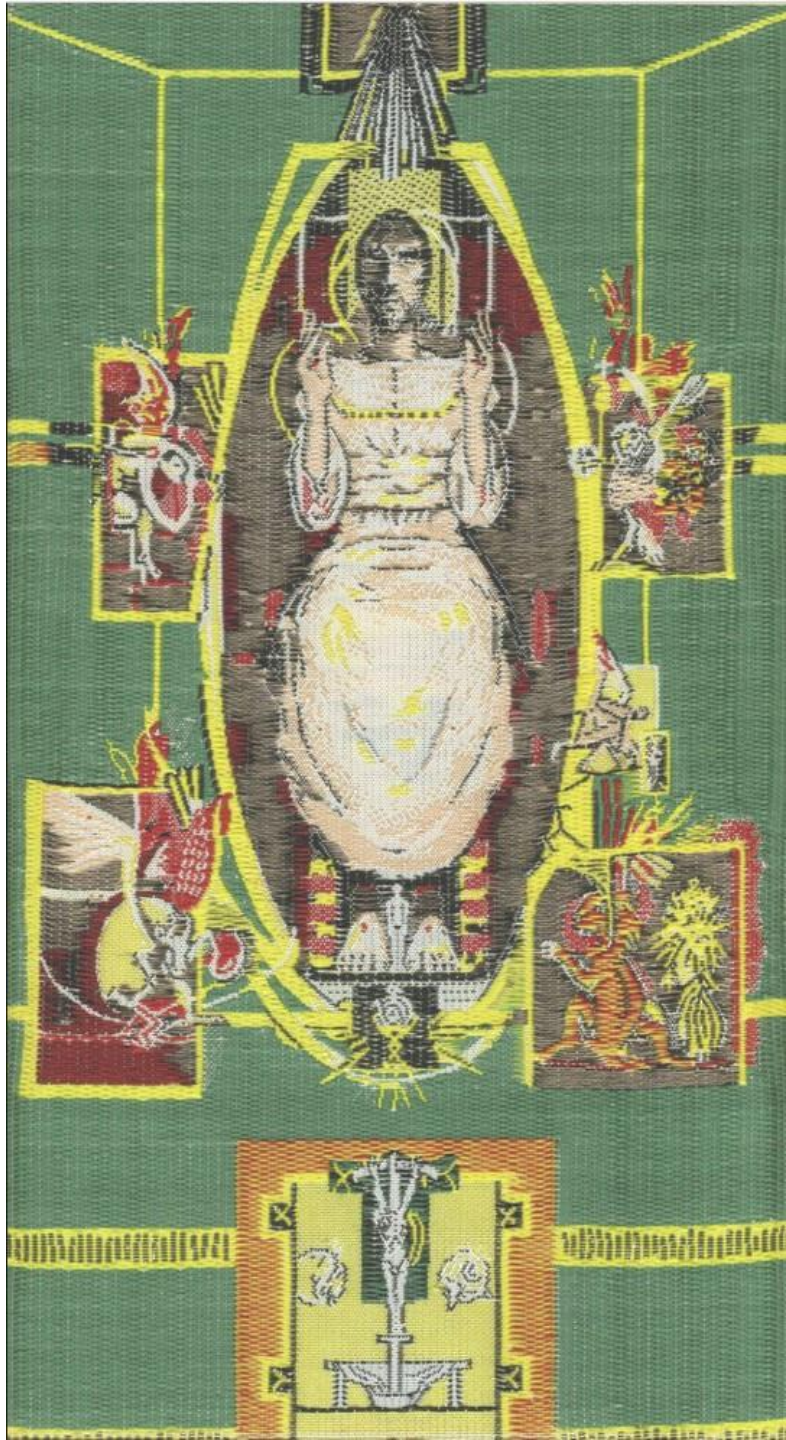
Those obsessed with winning, wind up as losers;

Those who think only of themselves

Find that no one thinks of them at all.

All their struggles add up to nothing.

This is God's word to the warring; 'Stop it!
Be still and know that I – and only I – am God.'
In the tumult of the nations,
In the torment of the earth,
God is with us. God is our sanctuary.
Thanks be to God.



John Wesley's manifesto

Reduce the gap between rich people and poor people

Help everyone to have a job

Help the poorest, including introducing a living wage

Offer the best possible education

Help everyone to feel they can make a difference

Promote tolerance

Promote equal treatment for women

Create a society based on values, not profits and consumerism

End all forms of slavery

Avoid getting into wars

Share the love of God with everyone

Care for the environment

