

## THE PRAYING HANDS

This narration may be used to present or introduce Bethel Officers at open meetings such as installations, promotional meetings, etc. Any formation and/or seating arrangement may be used.

### NARRATOR:

**In the days of yore in faraway lands  
Our ancestors convened with God with Praying Hands.  
They asked forgiveness for their sins;  
For the strength to live they asked of Him.**

**For guidance too, and when problems arose –  
With Praying Hands they'd strike a pose.  
It mattered not what race or creed.  
He answered each and every need.**

**Tonight this Bethel has chosen this theme  
To show their trust in the architect supreme,  
Who has created all things from the beginning of time  
And to those Praying Hands given a world sublime.**

### **Bethel Choir:**

**In ancient days, when evening was nigh,  
The shepherds knelt down, raised their eyes to the sky  
And offered up their thanks with Praying Hands  
For guiding their flocks across the lands.**

**They then would lie down in the moon's silvery sheen  
And, as they slept, of angels they'd dream  
Floating gently o'er in their robes, gleaming white.**

**That vision there in the light of the moon  
Lightened the shepherds' hearts  
And dispelled all gloom.  
The Bethel Choir emulates that dream tonight.**

**Inner and Outer Guard:**

**Guarding carefully our Bethel doors against all outward sin;  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ know all who enter in.**

**Junior and Senior Custodian:**

**Custodians of our Urn and Dove,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ guided from above.  
Will watch over them with all their love.**

**Musician:**

**For happy songs for all to hear  
\_\_\_\_\_ plays the piano with notes so clear.**

**Librarian:**

**In her search for knowledge everywhere,  
\_\_\_\_\_ finds treasures for us to share.**

**Chaplain:**

**In reverence she will bow her head and lead us when we pray,  
For \_\_\_\_\_, guided by His word will know just what to  
say.**

**Recorder:**

**On spotless pages in her book,  
\_\_\_\_\_ enters all our deeds  
And keeps a record bright and clear, for anyone to read.**

**Treasurer:**

\_\_\_\_\_ keeps a record of our wealth and guards it with  
her love,  
For she, too, has learned, that He is watching from above.

**The Messengers:**

The Messengers bring a tale of joy and faith and love for fellow  
man;

Of happiness and truth sincere since first the world began.

\_\_\_\_\_ tells of Job's pleasure,

And \_\_\_\_\_ of his strife.

From \_\_\_\_\_ we hear of his temptations;

From \_\_\_\_\_ his final peace.

While \_\_\_\_\_ tells that trust and faith  
will bring Job sweet release.

**Marshal:**

\_\_\_\_\_ as Marshal, you have a wonderful part,  
guard our flag with all your heart.

Guard it with truth and love sublime;  
keep it unsullied to the end of time.

**Guide:**

\_\_\_\_\_ as Guide, you'll point the way to  
Pilgrims seeking the light of day.

Don't slaken for a moment your heart's endeavor to embrace  
the beautiful and the good forever.

**Junior Princess:**

\_\_\_\_\_ as Junior Princess teaches  
"Faith that never faileth"

**Her steadfast faith dispenses light,  
Her path is clear, her way is bright.**

**Senior Princess:**

**\_\_\_\_\_ , the Senior Princess draws near,  
Without thought of any fear,  
Her message taught to Pilgrims new,  
Is faith and love the whole way through.**

**Honored Queen:**

**As all have entered this hold place,  
\_\_\_\_\_ approaches with Queenly grace.  
With Praying Hands she asks of Him to see her through.  
To give her strength and guidance too.  
As parents and loved ones proudly share,  
This hour when a crown she'll start to wear.**

**And thus – with hearts that are light  
Our Bethel begins this ceremony tonight,  
With Praying Hands as we pause and kneel  
To give thanks to Him for this world of ours.**

**The days – the nights – the birds and the flowers  
And our heritage, the Masonic Fraternity without which we could  
not have this opportunity.  
As this term ebbs in flight, forget not the theme used here tonight,  
Those Praying Hands; Those Praying Hands.**