

**Philippians in poetry**  
**Phil. 1-11**

**From servants to the saints of God,  
In the church of Philippi,  
And those who on Christ's way do trod,  
Grace and peace from God on high.**

**I thank my God each time I pray,  
And remember you with joy,  
For we were one from that first day-  
Partners in our Lord's employ.**

**CHORUS:**

**The work God has begun in you  
Is such a joyful story,  
And when His grace is done with you,  
We'll sing and praise His glory.**

**2.**

**I am confident that Jesus,  
Who began good work in you  
Will continue till He sees us,  
And not cease until He's through.**

**It is right for me to feel this  
Since I have you in my heart,  
For you share with me in God's bliss  
Even though we are apart.**

**CHORUS:**

**3.**

**So my prayer is that your love will  
In depth more and more abound,  
And you will gain a greater skill  
To discern what's pure and sound.**

**For I long that you will be filled  
With the fruit of righteousness,  
And the worries of life be stilled  
In the Lord who conquers stress.**

**CHORUS:**

**Phil. 1:12-18**

**Now I want you to know  
What has happened to me  
Was not a cruel blow,  
But really set me free.**

**It has helped the Gospel  
In making an advance,  
And now to those hostile  
My chains became a chance.**

**2.**

**A chance to share Jesus,  
For whom I am in chains,  
So they know He frees us  
From all our guilt and stains.**

**Others now speak the word  
With feelings far more bold.  
Many more now have heard  
The greatest news e'er told.**

**3.**

**Some preach Christ of envy,  
But others of good will.  
Some hope to offend me,  
And rob me of my thrill.**

**But what does it matter?  
We always have a choice.  
Negatives I'll shatter,  
And will in Christ rejoice.**

**4.**

**Joy in serving our Lord  
Comes not without a fight,  
But there is great reward  
When you stand for the right.**

**There are always voices  
To tell you all is wrong,  
But tell them your choice is  
To sing a joyful song.**

**Phil. 1:18-26**

**I will continue to rejoice,  
For I know you'll raise your voice  
In prayer for me to God on high.**

**Deep down within there is no doubt,  
By God's help it will work out;  
Deliverance He will supply.**

**I eagerly expect and hope  
That with shame I'll not need cope,  
But Lord Jesus I'll glorify.**

**Be it by life or by my death  
Till I breathe my final breath,  
It's Christ to live and gain to die.**

**If in this body I shall live,  
I will fruitful service give,  
But which to choose is my heart cry.**

**Yes, I am torn between the two.  
To depart or stay with you,  
Which goal shall I satisfy?**

**To be with Christ is better far  
Above every shining star,**

**Where He will my life beautify.**

**But it is better if I stay  
For your progress on life's way,  
So I remain to edify.**

**Now I will be with you again,  
And your joy will never end,  
As Christ's praises we multiply.**

**Phil. 1:21**

**For me to live is Christ,  
And to die is gain.  
His life He sacrificed  
To cleanse from all stain.**

**No longer is life mine,  
I now live in Him.  
It's by His light I shine;  
Without it I'm dim.**

**I'm no longer my own;  
He owns all of me.  
I long to be His clone  
That others might see.**

**See Jesus in my life;  
Hear Him in my words;  
Since peace instead of strife,  
Not following herds.**

**O Jesus live in me,  
Let my life so shine.  
Let others look and see  
I am your design.**

**Design to show Jesus,  
And reveal His love  
That others might join us**

**In life from above.**

**Phil. 1:21B**

**For me to live is Christ;  
For me to die is gain.  
His love cannot be priced,  
For our sin He was slain.**

**For me to live is Christ;  
For me to die is gain.  
He has my life so spiced  
Nothing is now in vain.**

**For me to live is Christ;  
For me to die is gain.  
There is no greater vice  
Than not to let Him reign.**

**For me to live is Christ;  
For me to die is gain.  
We will a paradise  
Down faith in Him attain.**

**For me to live is Christ;  
For me to die is gain.  
There's no greater advice  
For God's best to obtain.**

**So Christian hear me clear,  
There is no way to lose,  
If Christ to you is dear,  
And you now His will choose.**

**Phil. 1-21C**

**For me to live is Christ;  
For me to die is gain.  
For me He sacrificed;**

**For me He bore all pain.**

**I want to live for Him,  
If need be die for Him.  
I want all men to know  
I choose this way to go.**

**I want to be with Him,  
Which is much better far;  
To join the seraphim  
Above the highest star.**

**But if to stay and serve  
Is my Lord's will for me,  
In faith I will not swerve,  
But live in loyalty.**

**I'm torn between the two;  
Which to choose I don't know;  
To leave or stay with you,  
To reap or still to sow.**

**But this one thing I know,  
If He lets me remain,  
Your joy will overflow,  
And this life will be gain.**

**Phil 1:22-26**

**I am torn between the two,  
To depart or stay with you.  
Heaven is better by far,  
But to go will leave a scar.**

**For the body has a need  
For someone to take the lead,  
So I know I will remain  
To help make God's guidance plain.**

**CHORUS:**

**Help us Lord this lesson learn:  
If we want your very best,  
We will take whatever turn  
Helps us to make others blest.**

**2.**

**Joy in Christ will overflow,  
And your faith in Him will grow.  
Progress you will surely make  
In His grace, and for His sake.**

**So count on me coming back  
So your faith will nothing lack.  
I know this is what will be,  
God will give you fruit through me.**

**CHORUS:**

**Phil. 1:27-30**

**Now live worthy of the Gospel  
No matter what comes your way,  
For this world is ever hostile  
To the things we do and say.**

**So stand firmly in one spirit;  
Do not waver in your stand.  
If I see you or I hear it,  
I will know you understand.**

**CHORUS:**

**We are going through the battle  
Living in this world that's lost.  
Do not let it your faith rattle;  
Stand together at all cost.**

**2.**

**Do not fear those who oppose you.**

**In your courage they will see  
Their destruction is about due,  
But that God has set you free.**

**You have been granted to believe  
On the Christ who died for you,  
But this grant too you must receive,  
That you suffer for Him too.**

**CHORUS:**