

# Exsurgat Deus

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Let God arise to lead forth those  
Who march to war!  
Let God arise, and all His foes  
Be scattered far!

So Israel prayed, and Thou, O Lord,  
Wast with him then:  
Be with us now, who draw the sword  
For war again.

Grant Thou our soldiers courage high  
When foes are near,  
To strive, to suffer, or to die  
Untouched by fear.

Grant strength to those who mourn today  
Their loved ones lost,  
Yea, those who give their best, nor stay  
To count the cost.

Fight Thou for us, that we may fill  
Thy courts with praise;  
Then teach us mercy, teach us still  
The fallen to raise.

Yet more and more, as ages run,  
Bid warfare cease,  
And give to all beneath the sun  
Love, freedom, peace.

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