

SAINT MARCELLIN, TO YOU WE PRAY ...

ORIGINAL LYRICS: A British Brother (?) when Marcellin Champagnat was beatified in 1955.

The first line was adapted by Br Mario Colussi at the time of the canonisation in 1999.

MELODY: "St Petersburg" by Dimitri Bortniansk 1752 – 1825.

Saint Mar-cel-lin, to you we pray That we - who sing your praise to-day May
learn how pre-cious is the worth of all the chil-dren on the earth, For
Je-sus who from death a-rose new life from God on all be-stows

1. Saint Marcellin, to you we pray
That we who sing your praise today
May learn how precious is the worth
Of all the children on the earth.
For Jesus, who from death arose,
New life from God on all bestows.
2. The sick and poor were first to feel
Your courage and unbounded zeal.
When mountain paths were deep in snow,
You'd never stop but daring go.
No road too long or toilsome where
The sick, the dying claimed your care.
3. You led the folk to know the truth,
And won for God the souls of youth.
You showed them how young Mary blest
Replied to God by saying YES.
Champagnat, pray that we be true
And filled with hope in God like you.
4. O Marcellin, teach us to know
God's presence with us as we go.
Give us your heart that knew no bounds:
The praise of God in you resounds.
And lead us when our life is done
To Mary and to Mary's Son.