

Above All

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Please recycle  by "first" sharing this with someone.

Verse 1

Above all powers
Above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began

Verse 2

Above all kingdoms
Above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure what you're worth

Chorus

Crucified
Laid behind the stone
You lived to die
Rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall
And thought of me
Above all



Repeat Verse 1 & 2
Repeat Chorus 2x

Ending

Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall
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Note from Praise Sheet Author: The praise sheet for all Hands In Praise songs are designed to summarize the meaning of the song into 3-4 signs. The signs are then highlighted in the song so you can recognize the signs and learn them as well, if inclined. The song has the signs highlighted where they are used in the song - usually - but instead, this time (signs are illustrated on the back) the ultimate meaning is highlighted.

After hours and hours of prayer about what signs to put on the praise sheet, it seemed the message from God was this thought. **"How unthinkable it is to think that God so loved me that he pushed aside everything (EVERY SINGLE THING HE CREATED) and ultimately, sacrificing His Son to save me? To just imagine the love and worth of being "above all" in God's eyes is totally and completely humbling."**

So for this song the three signs are "all," "reason," "me." **We were the REASON!**

And...please share this praise sheet with someone, especially those ill in health, depressed or shut in to let them know no matter how sick, hopeless, or lonely they are, **God so loves them.** I know we have been taught to recycle, but this is one message that needs one more stop before it is recycled. Please take it home and pass it along to someone else first! It might be a life saving message.

God's Love Devotional

It can be hard to grasp the love of God.

Growing up I always knew God “loves” me...but I also loved candy, video games, my parents, and many other things. I knew God’s love meant more than everything else ... but how much more? Before we jump into that thought, let’s look at this word “Love”.

Love is a word used often in the English language: “*I love that movie*”...”*I love ice cream*”....”*I love my girlfriend*”. This word is just thrown around so much that I believe we have become desensitized to its meaning. It can go from a strong, passionate feeling for someone to a score of zero in tennis. Actually, I find it quite sad that this word, the one that is supposed to capture the purest, most powerful feeling for a person, has been polluted with so many other meanings. I believe that this is a huge part of the reason why it is so hard for us to understand what God means when he says that word.

To God, the word “love” has a much deeper meaning than it does for us. One of the greatest ways I can describe God’s love for us is found in John 3:16: **“For God so loved the world he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”**

Imagine giving up one of your children to die for someone you love ... it would be so hard - right? Most of us couldn’t do it. But imagine giving up your child to die for someone who has wronged you in every possible way, who is contrary to your very nature. Someone who isn’t even close to deserving of this sacrifice. And yet God did it. Why?...because He loves us.

Paraphrased from : <http://fervr.net/bible/how-much-does-god-love-you>

ALL

Move the open right hand from in front of the left side of the body, palm facing forward, in a (large or small) circular movement to the right, ending with the back of the right hand in the palm of the open left hand, both palms facing up. **Hint: the right hand seems to encompass everything as it moves.**



REASON

Move the extended fingers of the right “R” hand in a repeated circle in front of the forehead, palm facing in.



Hint: Initialized sign near the head where reason is formed



ME



Point the extended right index finger to the center of the chest, palm facing right, thumb held flat to palm.

Don't make it look like a gun shooting yourself.



“Hands in Praise” is an American Sign Language (ASL) Christian choir sponsored by Bethel Lutheran Church, Windsor, Colorado.

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