God of the Women

1. God of the women who answered your call,
   trusting your promises, giving their all,
   women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth,
   give us their courage to live in your truth.
   In Jesus' dying you show us our worth.
   that we may share in your ministry here.

2. God of the women who walked Jesus' Way,
   giving their resources, learning to pray,
   Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more,
   may we give freely as they did before.
   may we so gladly proclaim you today.
   we may effect the fullness of God's own way.

3. God of the women long put to the test,
   left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,
   then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day,
   give us the strength of your Spirit so near.
   we may experience the power of God's love.
   that we may live in God's grace.

4. God of the women who ran from the tomb,
   prayed with the others in that upper room,
   Give us the strength of your Spirit so near.
   you will inspire our lives to be your own.
   you will be our guide in our ministry here.
   the power of God's love will give us our worth.

5. O God of Poe-be and min-is-ters all,
   may we be joyful in answering your call.
   women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth,
   give us their courage to live in your truth.
   may we give freely as they did before.
   that we may share in your ministry here.

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