

Song We Sing of Loyal Lydia*Lead: Ainsley MacTavish-Hawkes**Brian: guitar; John Foster: whistle; Daphna: pianos*

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We sing of loyal Lydia
 who dealt in purple dye,
 a woman Paul and Silas found
 at prayer in Philippi.
 Her heart was warmed when she heard Paul
 relate God's love for all.
 She and her household were baptized.
 They answered God's clear call.

This widow tested culture's rules
 by opening her home
 to Paul and those who came to hear
 how they such faith could own.
 When Paul and Silas were in jail,
 she suffered deep despair.
 Yet when the jailer was transformed,
 she knew God answered prayer.

When her friends moved from Philippi,
 they left believers blessed.
 And Lydia helped the church to grow
 as they their faith confessed.
 May we today our witness share
 that other hearts be stirred.
 Let us take courage as we dare
 to daily live God's Word.

Reflection*Shawn Redden***We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude****Song** MV#79 Spirit, Open My Heart (*Ref., v.3, ref*)*Lead: Lorna Teed*

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Our Community at Prayer*Brian Botten***We Go Forth to Be a Blessing****Blessing and Changing of the Light****Song Medley** VU#575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (*vs. 1,3,2*)VU#576 I've Got Peace Like a River (*v.1&3*)*Lead: Kim & Brian Affleck, John & Daphna Pearson; Brian Affleck (guitar)*

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