Blest Be the Tie

Verse 1
Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds,
is like to that above.

Refrain:
Blest be the tie, Blest be the tie,
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Verse 2
Before our Father's throne,
we pour our ardent pray’rs;
Our fears, our hopes,
our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares. Refrain

Verse 3
We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows,
The sympathizing tear. Refrain

Verse 4
When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be
joined in heart,
And hope to meet again. Refrain

About this Hymn:

Words: Isaac Watts Music: Lowell Mason

Long ago, a man named John Fawcett was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote the words to a hymn called “Blest Be the Tie that Binds.” We’re going to learn it.

Just like a tie (string) tied around a bundle of things hold them together, there is a special fellowship that binds God’s people together. They know who God is and love Him. They love sharing about Him together. In their hearts they each have His Spirit at work, helping them to love Him and each other more. God’s people are to love everyone, but they have a special love for each other, since they are like brothers and sisters in God’s family. They show this love by praying for each other, listening and caring about each others problems, and looking forward to meeting together again when they part This is a fellowship of love and each other that holds them together as part of God’s family here on earth. It is a little taste of the perfect fellowship and love they will know up above in heaven one day.
**Blest Be the Tie, v.1 and refrain**

**Blest**
Place thumbs of both “A” hands at lips. Change hands into flat hands, palms down, as you extend them down and forward.

**Tie, Binds**
Link index fingers and thumbs of both hands, with rest of fingers extended. Move both hands back and forth a few times.

**Hearts**
Middle fingers are used to traced out the shape of a heart on upper left chest.

**Christian**
Right “C” hand is placed at right shoulder then moved down across chest, ending at right hip.

**Love**
Fists are crossed on chest, palms facing body.

**Fellowship**
Right “A” thumb makes a counter clockwise circle around left “A” thumb. Right thumb pointed down, left thumb pointed up.

**Minds**
Right index finger taps forehead a few times.

**Like**
Hold index fingers together, pointing forward and slightly to the right. Bring them apart a few inches as they pivot towards the left, then bring them back together to touch again as they point out and slightly to the left.

**Above**
Make a counterclockwise circle with right flat palm over left flat hand.
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**Blest Be the Tie, v.2 and refrain**

**Sign Language**

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<td>Tap thumb of right “5” hand on forehead a few times.</td>
<td>Hold flat hands together in pray position. If desired, can bow head, too.</td>
<td>Move hands, fingers together, across chest inward at the same time, opening hands as you move inward.</td>
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<td>Left “D” hand, palm facing right, is held in front and slightly higher than right “D” hand, palm facing left. With right “D” hand, make two circular pointing motions towards left index finger.</td>
<td>Index finger of right “D” hand first touches forehead (palm facing back), then both index fingers of “D” hands are held next to each other at chest height, pointing forward.</td>
<td>Rub right curved hand over back of left curved hand. Then rub left curved hand over back of right curved hand.</td>
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<td>Touch mouth with index finger of right W hand a couple times (sign for water); Then move both hands horizontally, with fingers &amp; thumb spread apart. Move hands downwards as you wiggle your fingers in short stages.</td>
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### Bible Truth 3 Hymn

**Blest Be the Tie, v.3 and refrain**

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<td>Pinky edge of open right hand slides across middle of palm of upturned left hand towards body.</td>
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<td><strong>Mutual</strong></td>
<td>Right “A” thumb makes a counter clockwise circle around left “A” thumb. Right thumb pointed down, left thumb pointed up.</td>
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<td><strong>Burdens</strong></td>
<td>Place fingertips of both hands on right shoulder, bearing down.</td>
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<td><strong>Often</strong></td>
<td>Fingertips of right hand are placed in left palm several times.</td>
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<td><strong>Flow</strong></td>
<td>“S” hands, palms down and fingers pointed forward, are moved forward in unison as fingers are wiggled.</td>
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<td><strong>Sympathizing</strong></td>
<td>Both “S” hands, palms facing forward and middle fingers bent forward, make a downward stroke several times.</td>
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<td>Both index fingers of “D” hands move down cheeks a few times.</td>
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**Blest Be the Tie, v.4 and refrain**

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**Asunder**

Both “A” hands touch in front of body at the knuckles, then are thrust apart.

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**Inward**

Right “and” hand, fingers pointing down, are moved down and inserted into left “C” hand.

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**Joined**

Link index fingers and thumbs of both hands, with rest of fingers extended. Move both hands back and forth a few times.

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**Heart**

Middle fingers are used to trace out the shape of a heart on upper left chest.

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**Hope**

Hold both flat hands, palms facing each other, in front of head. Bend them up and down a few times.

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**Meet**

Right “A” thumb makes a counter clockwise circle around left “A” thumb. Right thumb pointed down, left thumb pointed up.

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**Again**

Hold left hand, in “5” position palm facing right, in front of chest. Fingers of right hand are brought up and into the left palm in an arc movement.

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**Tie, Binds**

Link index fingers and thumbs of both hands, with rest of fingers extended. Move both hands back and forth a few times.
Love

Love is patient, love is kind,
love does not envy or boast,
It is not arrogant or rude,
Does not insist on its own way,
It is not irritable, or resentful,
Does not rejoice in wrong-doing,
but with the truth.

Love bears all things, believes all things,
Hopes and endures all things,
Faith, hope and love abide these three,
but the greatest is love.

Love never ends, love never ends,
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First Corinthians Thirteen,

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Love: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8,13

**Love**
Fists are crossed on chest, palms facing body.

**Kind**
Right flat hand, palm facing body, starts over heart, then circles around the left flat hand, also palm facing body, which is held a short distance from chest.

**Envy**
Tip of pinky finger of “I” hand, palm facing left, touches right side of mouth, then wrist pivots in and up until palm faces face. Repeat this motion back and forth a couple times.

**Rude**
Index and middle “V” fingers touch right side of face, palm facing out. Hand moves out as fingers pivot around until they face body.

**Insist**
Index and middle “V” fingers touch right side of face, palm facing out. Hand moves out as fingers pivot around until they face body.

**Delight**
Both flat hands are moved in a forward circular motion with palms brushing chest on the inward portion of the circle.

**Truth**
Place the right index finger, palm facing left, on lower lip. Move the finger up and then out, making an arc.

**Bears**
Tip of right “A” hand is placed behind left “A” hand, knuckles facing forward. Move both hands forward in unison.

**Fails**
Left flat hand rests on back of right flat hand. Right flat hand is then brought up and around left hand and pivots so that back of right hand rests in left palm.
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Things
Both flat hands, palms facing up, are lowered in front of chest, then moved slightly out to each side.

Believe
Touch forehead with right index finger, then bring right hand down and clasp it in left hand in front of chest.

Hopes
Hold both flat hands, palms facing each other, in front of head. Bend them up and down a few times.

Endures
Tip of right "A" hand is placed behind left "A" hand, knuckles facing forward. Move both hands forward in unison.

Faith
Right index finger touches forehead. Then, right "F" hand, palm facing in, hits left "F" hand, palm facing in, in a down-up-down motion, ending with right thumb-index finger resting on left thumb-index finger.

Three
Hold up three separated fingers of right hand.

Greatest
Both hands are held at bent angles, palms facing each other. Raise both hands simultaneously, abruptly stopping at eye level.

Never
Open, right hand, palm facing forward and fingers together, makes a short semi-circle out to the right, then moves straight down, similar to the shape of a question mark.

Ends
Extended pinky finger of right hand strikes extended pinky finger of left hand and then continues further down a ways.
Love Is Patient

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**Truth**
Place the right index finger, palm facing left, on lower lip. Move the finger up and then out, making an arc.

**Wrongs**
Both “X” hands, held near sides with palms facing up, move upward and outward in circles simultaneously.

**Trusts**
Right index finger is crossed over the top of the left index finger, palms facing down. Both hands are moved down a short distance.

**Perseveres**
Tip of right "A" hand is placed behind left "A" hand, knuckles facing forward. Move both hands forward in unison.

**Fails**
Left flat hand rests on back of right flat hand. Right flat hand is then brought up and around left hand and pivots so that back of right hand rests in left palm.
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4. From sorrow, sin and pain, one day, we shall be free; and perfect love and aims are one, our comforts and our cares. Blest be the tie, blest be the tie, Blest be the tie that binds.

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