

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:

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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.

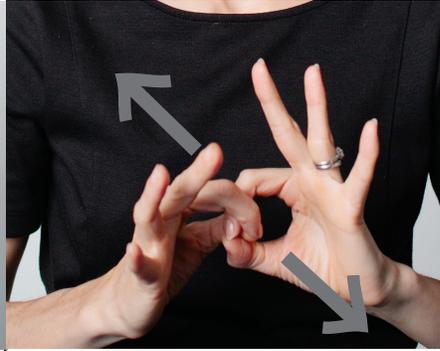
Just like a tie (string) tied around a bundle of things hold them together, there is a special fellowship that binds God's people together. They know who God is and love Him. They love sharing about Him together. In their hearts they each have His Spirit at work, helping them to love Him and each other 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

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



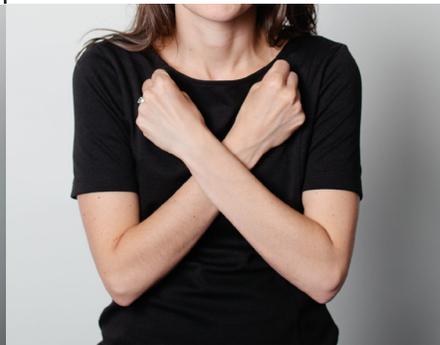
Tie, Binds
Link index fingers and thumbs of both hands, with rest of fingers extended. Move both hands back and forth a few times.



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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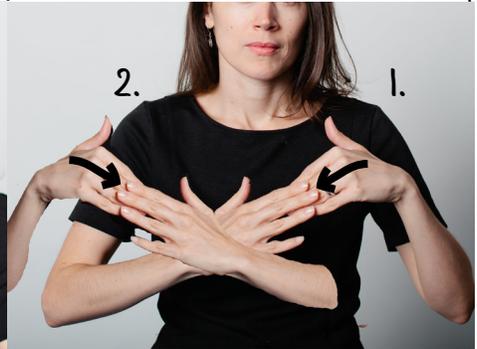
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Father's
Tap thumb of right "5" hand on forehead a few times.

Prayers
Hold flat hands together in pray position. If desired, can bow head, too.

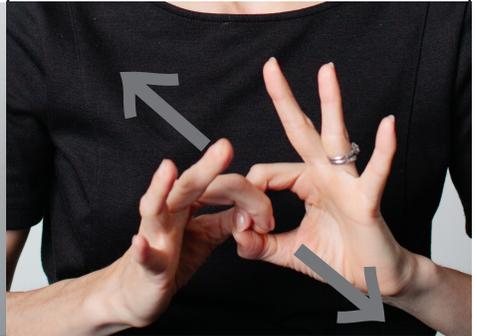
Fears
Move hands, fingers together, across chest inward at the same time, opening hands as you move inward.



Aims
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.

One
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.

Comfort
Rub right curved hand over back of left curved hand. Then rub left curved hand over back of right curved hand.



Cares
Touch mouth with index finger of right W hand a couple times (sign for water); Then move both hands horizontally, with fingers & thumb spread apart. Move hands downwards as you wiggle your fingers in short stages.

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Share

Pinky edge of open right hand slides across middle of palm of upturned left hand towards body.



Mutual

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



Burdens

Place fingertips of both hands on right shoulder, bearing down.



Often

Fingertips of right hand are placed in left palm several times.



Flow

"5" hands, palms down and fingers pointed forward, are moved forward in unison as fingers are wiggled.



Sympathizing

Both "5" hands, palms facing forward and middle fingers bent forward, make a downward stroke several times.



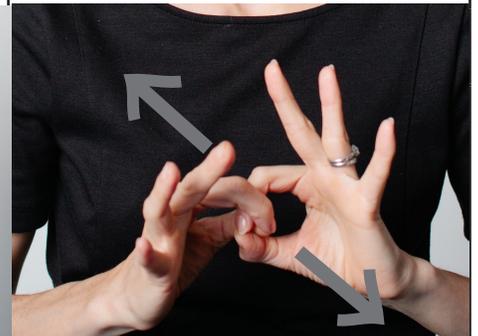
Tear

Both index fingers of "D" hands move down cheeks a few times.



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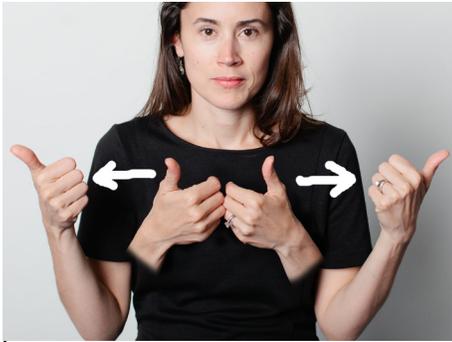


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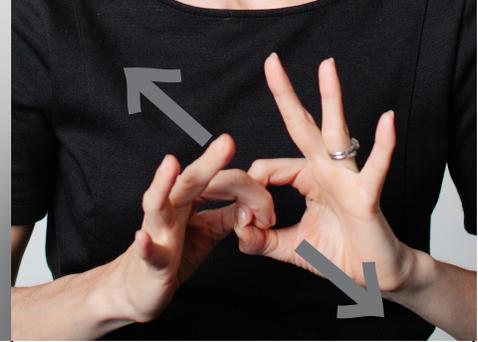
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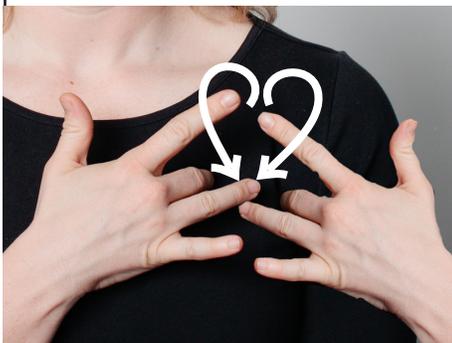
Asunder
Both "A" hands touch in front of body at the knuckles, then are thrust apart.



Inward
Right "and" hand, fingers pointing down, are moved down and inserted into left "C" hand.



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



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



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



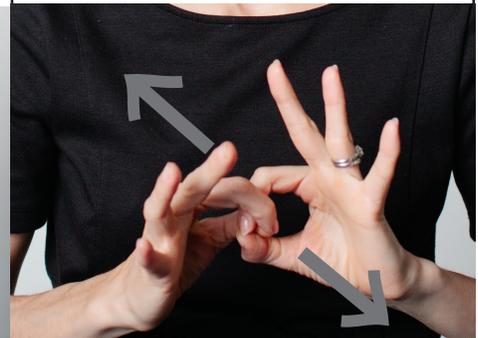
Meet
Right "A" thumb makes a counter clockwise circle around left "A" thumb. Right thumb pointed down, left thumb pointed up.



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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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,
four through eight, and thirteen.

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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

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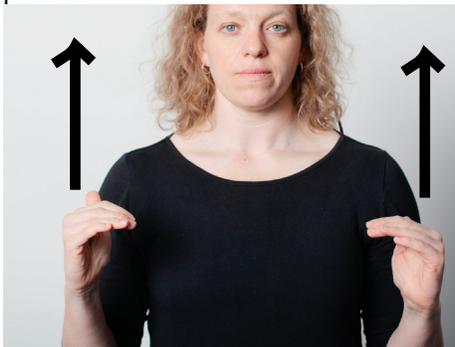
Faith

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.

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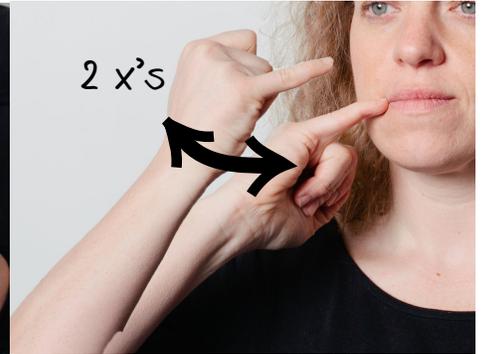
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Delights

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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.

Blest Be the Tie, verses 1-4

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 2. Be - fore our Fa ther's throne, we pour our ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
 3. We share our mu-tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear, and of - ten for each
 4. From sor - row, sin and pain, one day, we shall be free; and per - fect love and

6 E♭ B♭ Cm A♭ E♭ B♭ E♭ A♭ B♭ E♭ B♭ Cm

kin - dred minds, is like to that a - bove. Blest be the tie, blest be the tie, Blest
 aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows, the sym - pa - the - tic tear.
 friend-ship reign, through all e - ter - ni - ty.

11 A♭ E♭ B♭ E♭ A♭ B♭ E♭ B♭ Cm A♭ E♭ B♭ E♭

be the tie that binds, Blest be the tie, blest be the tie, Blest be the tie that binds.

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Love

D G D A D

Love is pa - tient, love is kind, love does not en - vy or boast. It is not ar - ro - gant or

6 G D A D F#m G F#m G D A

rude, does not in - sist on its way. It is not ir - ri - ta - ble, or re - sent - ful, does not re

13 F#m G F#m G D A D

joice in wrong - do - ing, but_ with the truth. Love bears all things, be - lieves all

19 G D A D G D A

things, hopes and en dures all things. Faith, hope and love, a - bide these three, but the great - est is

25 D F#m G F#m G D A D

love. Love ne - ver ends, love ne - ver ends, love ne - ver ends. Faith, hope and love, a - bide these

31 A D A D D

three, but the great - est is love. First Co - rin - thi - ans Thir -

35 G D A D

teen, four through eight, and thir - teen.

Love Is Patient

C F G C F G C Em

Love is pa - tient, love is kind, love does - n't en - vy, it does - n't boast, It's not ar - ro - gant, it

6 F G Am C G C C F G

is not rude, nor in - sist on its own way. Love's not ir - ri - ta - ble or re - sent - ful, re -

11 C G F G C Em F G Am

joi - ces with truth, not wrong do - ing, Love bears all things, be - lieves all things, hopes all

15 C F G C F G7 C

things, en dures all things. Love ne - ver ends. Love ne - ver ends, love ne - ver

22 F Dm G7 C F G C G C

ends. Love ne - ver ends! First Co - rin - thi - ans Thir - teen, four thru' eight.

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