



[On 19th September, 2010, Cardinal Newman was beatified](#)

Venerable John Henry Newman was born in London, 21 February 1801, and died Birmingham, 11 August 1890. As Vicar of St. Mary's Oxford he exerted a profound spiritual influence on the Church of England. Joining the Catholic Church in 1845 he founded Oratories of St. Philip Neri in Birmingham and London, was the first rector of the Catholic University in Dublin, and was made Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII in 1879. Through his published writings and private correspondence he created a greater understanding of the Catholic Church and its teachings, helping many persons with their religious difficulties. At his death he was praised for his unworldliness, humility, and prayerful contact with the invisible world. He was declared Venerable on 22 January 1991.

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Lead Kindly Light

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(composed by Cardinal John Newman)

Lead kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom
Lead Thou me on
The night is dark and I am far from home
Lead Thou me on.
Keep Thou my feet, I do not ask to see
The distant scene, one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus nor prayed that Thou
Should lead me on
I loved to choose and see my path but now
Lead Thou me on.
I loved the garish day and spite of fears
Pride ruled my will, remember not past years.

So long Thy power has blest me sure it still
Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen o'er crag and torrent till
The night is gone.
And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since and lost a while

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