

## Denying Myself

*“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” (Mark 8:34, NIV)*

"Jesus, I lay aside my self-concern.  
Lead, and I will follow."

It's easy to pray this in the calm, quiet moments.

But pray this way when  
God places a challenge of service before you and  
calls you to step out in faith.

Pray this when a situation demands that  
you give yourself beyond your comfort level.

Pray this when you face a difficult relationship and  
emotions cry out for  
escape or  
revenge.

Pray this when you have to give up your rights  
in order to serve someone else.

"Jesus, I lay aside my self-concern.  
Lead, and I will follow."

*Father,  
I will trust and obey You,  
even when it requires  
patient endurance and  
sacrifice.*

**Hymn: [In Your Steps](#)**