

Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. Psa. 145:18; Lk. 11:9

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Heb. 4:16

1. Prayer is the soul's sin - cere de - sire, Un - ut - tered or ex - pressed;
2. Prayer is the bur - den of a sigh, The fall - ing of a tear,
3. Prayer is the sim - plest form of speech That in - fant lips can try;
4. Prayer is the Chris - tian's vi - tal breath, The Chris - tian's na - tive air,
5. Prayer is the con - trite sin - ner's voice, Re - turn - ing from his ways,
6. O Thou by whom we come to God, The Life, the Truth, the Way,

The mo - tion of a hid - den fire That trem - bles in the breast.
The up - ward glanc - ing of an eye, When none but God is near.
Prayer, the sub - lim - est strains that reach The Maj - es - ty on high.
His watch - word at the gates of death— He en - ters Heav'n with prayer.
While an - gels in their songs re - jice And cry, "Be - hold, he prays!"
The path of prayer Thy - self hast trod— Lord, teach us how to pray!

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