

Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire

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1. Prayer is the soul's sin - cere de - sire, Ut - tered or
 2. Prayer is the bur - den of a sigh, The fall - ing
 3. Prayer is the sim - plest form of speech That in - fant
 4. Prayer is the Chris - tian's vi - tal breath, The Chris - tian's

un - ex - pressed, The mo - tion of a
 of a tear, The up - ward glanc - ing
 lips can try, Prayer, the sub - lim - est
 na - tive air, His watch - word at the

hid - den fire That trem - bles in the breast.
 of an eye When none but God is near.
 strains that reach The Maj - es - ty on high.
 gates of death; He en - ters heav'n with prayer.

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| <p>5. Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,
 Returning from his ways,
 While angels in their songs rejoice
 And cry, "Behold, he prays!"</p> | <p>7. Nor prayer is made on earth alone:
 The Holy Spirit pleads,
 And Jesus at the Father's throne
 For sinners intercedes.</p> |
| <p>6. The Saints in prayer appear as one
 In word and deed and mind,
 While with the Father and the Son
 Their fellowship they find.</p> | <p>8. O thou by whom we come to God,
 The Life, the Truth, the Way!
 The path of prayer thyself hast trod;
 Lord, teach us how to pray.</p> |