

maranatha

Six Prayers

Stillness Before God



*"Be still and know that I am God"
(Ps. 46.10)*

Abandonment

Father,
I surrender myself into your hands;
do with me what you will.
Whatever you may do, I thank you;
I am ready for all, I accept all.
Let only your will be done in me,
and in all your creatures.
This is all I want, O Lord.
Into your hands I commit my spirit:
I offer it to you
with all the love of my heart,
for I love you, Lord,
and so need to give myself,
to surrender myself into your hands
without reserve
and with boundless confidence,
for you are my Father.

(Charles de Foucauld)

Commitment

I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will,
rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing
put me to suffering;
let me be employed for you
or laid aside for you,
exalted for you or brought low for you;
let me be full, let me be empty;
let me have all things,
let me have nothing;
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours.
So be it.
And the covenant now made on earth, let
it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.

(From the Methodist Covenant Service)

Stillness

I sit in your presence
stilled and quiet, lifting my heart to You,
I let go all worries, anxieties and plans:
I place them in your hands,
I wait on you, passive and expectant.
I let you come into the
inmost core of my being,
into the deep centre of my life
where You are already there.
You are within me, You are here now
as You are with everyone
who is willing to welcome you.
I let go, I sink and merge into You,
I let You take over,
I let You carry me.

(John Dalrymple)

Purpose

God has created me to do Him some
definite service:
He has committed some work to me
which He has not committed to another.
I have my mission - I may never know it in
this life, but I shall be told it in the next.
I am a link in a chain,
a bond of connection between persons.
He has not created me for naught.
I shall do good: I shall do His work.
I shall be an angel of peace,
a preacher of truth in my own place while
not intending it -
if I do but keep His commandments.
Therefore, I will trust Him.
Whatever, wherever I am,
I can never be thrown away.
If I am in sickness, my sickness may
serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity,
may serve Him.
He does nothing in vain.
He knows what He is about.
He may take away my friends;
He may throw me among strangers.
He may make me feel desolate, make my
spirits sink, hide my future from me-still
He knows what He is about.

(John Henry Newman)

Peacemaking

Lord make me an instrument
of your peace
where there is hatred let me sow love,
where there is injury let me sow pardon,
where there is doubt let me sow faith,
where there is despair let me give hope,
where there is darkness let me give light,
where there is sadness let me give joy.
O divine master, grant that I may
not try to be comforted
but to comfort,
not try to be understood
but to understand,
not try to be loved
but to love.
Because it is in giving
that we receive,
it is in forgiving
that we are forgiven,
and it is in dying
that we are born
to eternal life.

(Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi)

Giving

Lord Jesus, I give you my hands
to do your work.
I give you my feet to go your way.
I give you my eyes to see as you do.
I give you my tongue to speak
your words.
I give you my mind that
you may think in me.
I give you my spirit that
you may pray in me.
Above all, I give you my heart
that you may love
in me your Father and all mankind.
I give you my whole self that you may
grow in me so that it is you, Lord Jesus,
who live and work and pray in me.

(The Grail Prayer)

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