

Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire

Verse

Prayer is the soul's sin - cere de - sire,
 Prayer is the bur - den of a sigh,
 Prayer is the sim - plest form of speech
 Prayer is the con - trite sin - ners' voice,
 Prayer is the Chris - tians' vi - tal breath,
 O Thou, by whom we come to God,

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Un - ut - tered or ex - pressed;
 The fall - ing of a tear
 that in - fant lips can try;
 re - - turn - ing from their way,
 the Chris - tians' na - tive air;
 the Life, the Truth, the Way:

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The mo - tion of a hid - den fire
 The up - ward glanc - ing of an eye,
 prayer the sub - lim - est strains that reach
 while an - gels in their songs re - joice
 their watch - word at the gates of death;
 the path of prayer thy - self hast trod;

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That trem - bles in the breast.
When none but God is near.
the Maj - es - ty on high.
and cry, "Be - hold, they pray!"
they en - ter heaven with prayer.
Lord, teach us how to pray!