

The Soul and Prayers

The Soul

1 John 2:20-21 NIV

²⁰ (But) You have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.

²¹ I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth.

It is good to remember that a part of you has always loved God.

There is a part of you that has always said yes.

There is a part of you that is in touch with Love itself.

It is already there. Once you move your identity to that level of deep inner contentment, you will realize you are drawing upon a Life that is much larger than your own and from a place of deeper abundance.

Once you learn and personally appropriate this, why would you ever again settle for scarcity in your life?

**“I’m not enough!
This is not enough!
I do not have enough!”**

This is the way culture trains us to think.
It is a kind of acquired helplessness.

The Gospel message is just the opposite.

Thomas Merton (Trappist monk 1915-1968 teacher of James Finley) said that the way we have structured our lives, we spend our whole life climbing up the ladder of supposed success, and when we get to the top of the ladder we realize it is leaning against the wrong wall—and there is nothing at the top anyway.

To get back to the place of inner abundance, we need to review and recognise false agendas, unreal goals, and passing self-images.

The spiritual life is much more about unlearning than learning. We can learn far more from our failures than our successes.

Prayer on the Awesomeness of Creation and of Jesus

When I say “Lord we love you”
Please respond “*Lord we worship and adore you*”

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God from the beginning.

Lord we love you
Lord we worship and adore you

Lord, mountains are majestically beautiful, but we do not get to experience them without great personal effort. And so it is with You. You ask us to seek you. You say seek and you shall find. You even draw some of us into a dark night of the soul to experience you more deeply,

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In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

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In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

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The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;

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So he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash

his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

As we meet this evening in this place let us worship our creator who loves us with such a sacrificial love

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The Lord's Prayer as a hierarchical prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.	God - in Heaven - worshipped by the whole realm of creation	<i>Mankind recognises you, stands in Awe, Respect, Honour, Gratitude, and Deep Love</i>
Your Kingdom come	God's Kingdom	<i>We seek Your Divine inspiration – Your will for each day</i>
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven	In Heaven and on Earth	<i>Your Kingdom - on Earth</i>
Give us today our daily bread	God knows well our daily needs	<i>We submit to You our daily needs</i>
Forgive us our sins	Our behaviour & God's forgiveness	<i>You clear our debts - you renew our horizons</i>
. . . as we forgive those who sin against us	Our forgiveness of other's behaviour	<i>We clear others debts - we set them free – only to discover that we find freedom</i>
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil	Our protection from evil, is available, ask	<i>Protect our path. A bruised reed You will not break, and a smouldering wick You will not snuff out</i>
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours	The glory and honour is God's - it is His work	<i>We are not slaves, but sons and daughters in Your kingdom</i>
Now and for ever	Time is the Lord's	<i>For all eternity</i>
Amen.	Let it be	<i>- So be it</i>