

THE PRAYER OF ABSOLUTE FAITH

Interpretation of the Lord's Prayer

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Matt 17:18-21. After Jesus healed the boy who was lunatic, and his disciples said, "Why could not we cast him out," Jesus said unto them, "Because of your unbelief." Jesus did not say, because of your *dis*belief, but your *un*belief.

Unbelief is a subtle belief in a mind apart from God. If you believe in a mind separate from God in yourself or anyone, you are believing in a power apart from God. The epilepsy disappeared in the presence of Jesus because of His absolute knowing there was no mind but God, that epilepsy was not a reality.

New Translation of Jesus' words regarding prayer, "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

Contrast 'absolute' and 'relative.' They are *opposites*. See *Webster*. The term 'man' as used in the first chapter of Genesis is an absolute term and has nothing to do with anything else. The terms 'sons' and 'daughters'; 'husband' and 'wife,' etc., are relative terms depending on something outside of themselves.

God is our only real being on earth and heaven. Jesus acknowledged no human ties and claimed his absolute relationship to God. This did not keep him from loving his family.

His identity was in God and he allowed no human relationship to interfere with his Father-Mother-God being. We are liable to be so busy being a relative that we forget that we are absolute perfection, the child of God. The only identity we have is right in the middle of the Trinity. Let us keep it there. This is the only family that we are really a part of, not related to a mortal condition, but one with God-Father-Son-Holy Ghost.

Human relation is a false sense of the reality of man . . . the belief that everyone is dependent on something or someone outside of themselves.

Jesus showed us the absolute relationship with God. We are not dependent on man or upon each other, but all dependent on God, Spirit, alone. Only thus can we behold the true brotherhood of man - man coexistent with God.

We take others upward in our ascending prayer "and I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." We are our brother's keeper, but we had better keep him in his spiritual identity and let each one find his Father-Mother-God.

Do not try to relate absolute to human conditions. It is impossible to relate Truth to error; you correct error with Truth, but never is there a relationship between Truth and error.

"Divinity embracing humanity will lift it by revealing its true being." S&H 561:16 The divine embraces the human in each of us as it replaces the human sense of man with the divine. So a divine being is found right where a mortal seemed to be, free from the restrictions, free from

bondage, free from inharmony, free from lack of any kind. Your Godliness shines forth in the coexistence with the divine.

Your very life is a prayer that embraces all mankind in its perfection and holiness. Read *Mis 77:1 to 6 on next page*.

Mrs. Eddy was once asked by one of her household, "Mother, when will we be able to heal like that?" She answered, "When you believe what you say."

UNCEASING PRAYER

Pan 14:11 Everything you do can be translated into a prayer. It is praying without ceasing when we simply live the spirit of prayer. Mrs. Eddy told her followers to pray for the prosperity of our country, for victory under arms, for our Chief Magistrate, for the Supreme Court, for wisdom of our Legislators, for men in the service, that our country be as successful in war as steadfast in peace.

During the next months, let us all pray thus daily. Our country needs it, our church needs it. Our prayer for our country is a prayer for our church. Only in our country could Christian Science have been born, and it is here it will survive . . . if we pray aright.

THE PLACE OF UNANSWERED PRAYER

Scientific prayer is not asking for something. We must know that what we seem to need is already within our consciousness. Consciousness is the awareness of the good already within us. "The Kingdom of God is within you."

A prime requisite is to learn how to say, "I AM." Our kingdom belongs to what says "I AM." Consciousness is the Ego which never permits us to identify ourselves with evil. Consciousness always identifies us with God, infinite good.

True prayer is the appropriation of the good already existing in our consciousness.

That for which we pray is already in our individual consciousness. The answer has already been there. If we seem to lack anything, it is because we fail to utilize good already there. "What hast thou within thy consciousness?" The good that is there is always adequate to meet our needs.

Any need is a divine need knocking at the door of consciousness saying, "It is time for you to see, (*recognize, acknowledge*) me." There is no outside to consciousness.

We should commune first thing in the morning with this consciousness, and many times during the day.

You have already received all good, all divine Mind's images of thought, for you are the image of God.

Right now you are the consciousness of the divine Ego which declares that all good is Mind.

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW THEM THAT BELIEVE

Signs following scientific prayer – a few healings told

A young mother's tremendous fear for her child who was ill. She said, "I suppose it is because I love her so much." Was told to acknowledge that the love you feel for your child is God's love, which you reflect, which has no fear in it. The mother came to declare she was not afraid because God's healing power and love were shining through her. Fearful mother-love changed to divine Love, which freed the child.

Practitioner working on a case of a man suffering with fever and tremendous fear. He could not seem to be reached with anything she said. She turned away from patient to God and prayed, "Dear God, where is the Love to come from that can heal this case?" The answer came, "You are going to express it." And her thought became so filled with love that the patient was healed immediately.

Growing old is the apathy toward the belief of age.
Study *S&H 144-146* each day, taking some special point to hold to during the day.

Decrepitude is a belief of the world entertained.
God sees man as ever beautiful, enthusiastic, vital, wise, and time can only unfold more beauty, vigor, wisdom, radiance of Soul. Hold perfect models of thought; don't let the world concept of decrepitude enter into thought.

She told of a woman who kept up this kind of work daily, for years, and she retained the radiance and buoyancy of youth – at the time of this address, she was 75.

Letter from a mother in London telling about the recovery of a child's little white coat that had been washed away by the tide.
Part of her work was -- every idea in the whole universe is always in its place, fulfilling its purposes, to have and to hold things where they belong. She knew God's law was in operation right where she was. Everything in the universe is obedient to divine law. Twenty-four hours later, the little white coat was washed over her foot as she swam.

A young girl had soft bones.
Ideas are only of God; outline, order, discipline and law were studied from Mrs. Eddy's writings and the Bible. Everything in her experience improved, but the healing was slow in coming. Orderliness became part of her experience in all ways. She began finishing everything she had started. (This was the speaker's own experience.)

Unbelief is a subtle lack of belief that God is All -- things lying quietly in latent thought, which restrain our faith in the divine power and presence. Jesus had no faith in anything but God, and this silences unbelief.

OUR LEADER

No 39:17-27 True prayer is not asking God for love; it is learning to love and to include all mankind in one affection. Prayer is the utilization of the love wherewith He loves us. Prayer begets an awakened desire to be and do good. It makes new and scientific discoveries of God, of His goodness and power. It shows us more clearly than we saw before, what we already have and are; and most of all, it shows us what God is. Advancing in this light, we reflect it; and this light reveals the pure Mind-pictures, in silent prayer, even as photography grasps the solar light to portray the face of pleasant thought.

This shows us what God is. No one can heal unless actuated by love for all mankind. Love reflected in love is the story of our Leader's life. Mrs. Eddy's recipe for healing, "... is to live love, to be love, there is nothing but love."

It is not what we say that heals; it is what we are. Do we look at people with the eyes of divine Love? When we view the world through the eyes of Love, we become conscious of the beauty of love everywhere. Our Leader saw every attack on her and her movement as an opportunity to prove that Love is All-in-all. Let us prove that life itself is LOVE.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jesus began the prayer with "our" showing the all-inclusiveness of prayer. We take the whole world with us in our ascending consciousness, making it universal. Jesus said, "Call no man your father upon the earth." Jesus found his own identity as the Christ in the "I and my Father are one." He knew his own identity, the Christ, to be the very essence of Love.

Our Father which art in heaven - Our Father-mother God, All harmonious.

Heaven is the holy consciousness of spiritual reality. Heaven is the within of divine consciousness. In the consciousness of spiritual reality, we find God as reality. Here we can know God as the Father because "I and my Father are one."

St. Paul said, "The Father hath translated us into the Kingdom of the fullness of Christ (*new translation*).

Fullness of Christ is but another word for the completeness of man, reflecting God as Father-Mother. In this divine completeness we say, 'Our Father-Mother-God, all harmonious. 'Because of Mrs. Eddy's vision and her willingness to share it with us, we see our conscious completeness as Father-Mother-God.

Baptising them - literally submerging them - we are to submerge all creation in the Trinity in unity - Elohim. The three-fold, essential nature of the Infinite. The intelligent relation of man and the universe, divine completeness, the male and female of God's creating.

Do we accept this concept of ourselves and our universe NOW? That we are spiritual NOW? That the spiritual concept includes the whole universe? If we accept the allness of Love, our life is in Heaven right now. "Man and woman forever reflected. . ."

Hallowed be Thy name - Adorable one.

"I AM THAT I AM" declares the whole of being. Everything that is, is included; self-existent Life, reflecting and including the wholeness and oneness in its own idea of man and the universe.

The dominion with which Jesus said "I" dissolved the error of the world. When He said "I," he was including the oneness of (*with*) God. He stood in the very heart of the Trinity, the manifestation of Truth, the essence of Love. When we find the great I AM as the only Ego, the Trinity will be exemplified in us, and we will find God has crowned us with His divine nature.

Through the I AM we know one Being and all being is one. But if we speak with the *big I* of personal sense, we will lose the power, the *capital "I"* which is our link with the divine. It is divine and not personal sense. It is the Being which nothing can oppose or erase.

Jesus used the "I" many times, but not once did He use it except to identify Himself with the Father; never for personal sense.

Do not take God's holy name in vain. Let us not take the name of God in vain by saying, "I am sick; I am tired; I am broke; I am angry." The word 'vain' means 'empty.' Know I AM spiritual; I AM whole; I AM rich; I AM love; I and my Father are one.

Never say 'I,' 'we,' 'you,' 'her,' 'him,' or even 'it,' except to identify it with good. Show forth the divine completeness as indicated in I AM. Look up everything Mrs. Eddy says about I AM and the Trinity, then identify the I of the Being, with this Trinity of your Being. Let it be written in your forehead, on your tongue, in every fibre of your being, "these three are one - one in good, and good in one - one in God, and God in one, -- the Adorable One.

Thy kingdom come - Thy kingdom is come, thou art everpresent.

The kingdom must come in individual consciousness. We cannot countenance unruly disorder in our thinking. When disturbed by error at home or abroad, stick to the prayer, "Let the reign of divine Truth, Life, and Love be established in me, and rule out of me all sin."

It is in our individual consciousness that it must be ruled out and destroyed. Get rid of it 'here,' and you will not see it 'there.'

An example of a man who was greatly disturbed because of injustice he saw in his office. He worked to see that injustice was not in him or in others. As he saw God's kingdom come within himself, harmony and justice were evident in the office.

Heal world conditions in your own consciousness and see the reign of order in the world. You will see it to be the kingdom of divine 'Us' in this world and in all worlds. "Why do they not do something about it," we say of crime. Christian Scientists will hold crime in check. We have accepted this great responsibility. We must aid in the rejecting of error; we must maintain law and order and cheerfully wait the certainty of God's presence.

We have the solemn trust of keeping guard over the whole world. In our prayer, we do not leave a place for error anywhere, in inner space or outer space. Remember, the Kingdom of God is within you.

Do we even begin to touch the wholeness of our Christ-consciousness? God has visited all His power, His Kingdom, His wisdom with you. It is not something to be gained, but something to be expressed now. We must learn to say 'I' and 'I AM' correctly. I AM what you are; what they are; what everything is; it is in only true knowing that we have dominion. Know daily, hourly, moment by moment, that this is what is "enriching the affection of all mankind, and governing them: There are no reigns of human ego expressed as dictatorships.

Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven - As in heaven, so on earth, God is omnipotent, supreme.

'The divine will' is the might and wisdom of God. 'Human will' is the motive power of error, the unnatural enmity towards God is the human will. Through the Law of God we can subdue human will and rule it out of our experience.

We often think of the human will as 'adamant.' Webster says: "adamant: mythical stone with unreal and imaginary properties."

Isaiah 14 has much to say about human will.

The power of divine Law to destroy human will subdues human will. Let us see the reign of the harmony of unalterable law marching around and around the world. Read "*Thy will be done*" from *Mis. (Misc 208)*

Right where we are, mortal mind is saying, "I am." And right there divine Mind is proving that I AM ALL. Error is saying, "I will swallow up your substance, your life, with age, weakness, decrepitude." But right there divine Ego is saying, "I AM THAT I AM" and proving error's unreality. A new translation reads: "THY will is being done."

No matter what human will says, we should declare with confidence, God's will is being done. Never belittle the power of your spiritual knowing for what we know of divine Mind will appear in human evidence. How can we know God's will be done, if we believe the earth is material? The only thing that needs to be destroyed is a fallen concept of the universe, of man.

We must stop saying, "The *real* universe is spiritual." That is duality. Every single thing in the universe is wholly spiritual. Only material sense sees things materially -- *everything* is spiritual.

When we look at things through Science, we see them as they really are. If you looked at a white horse through blue glasses, you would see a blue horse. You would not have to change the color of the horse to see the white horse, as he really is white; take off the blue glasses and see the horse as he really is. "Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man . . . Lift up everything we behold and see it "in earth, as it is in heaven."

Give us this day our daily bread - Give us grace for today, feed the famished affections.

It is our own Christ consciousness that frees us. "We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." All our needs are met as the Master met them. The divine demand is that we recognize the divine Principle that the needs seem to imply. Divine Lode meets our every need in Love's own way.

Story of boy who went to a practitioner for the recovery of his bicycle, which was necessary if the boy was to accept a paper route for the summer. The bicycle was not recovered, but a position was offered through which a scholarship made college possible. In later years he told the practitioner of his gratitude for that demonstration, and that if he had recovered his bicycle, he might still be delivering papers; whereas now, he is an executive in a fine position.

Divine Love meets our needs by spiritualizing our sense of the need and its supply.

Pray daily for a little more grace to open our thought for all mankind and its needs.

What have you in the house? What is in your consciousness? A little oil of consecration? If you have only a little in the house, then translate it into the spiritual meaning and find a basis for the effortless affluence of God – until every empty vessel is filled.

Demand and supply are one, a compound idea; they cannot be separated. Jesus proved this when he multiplied the loaves and fishes. Learn to multiply and find God's power. "Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth." When you know how to use this law, you will never be in need, nor ever in debt.

The speaker told of her experience with lack of supply during the WWII, when her husband was in the armed forces and her income was greatly reduced. Every dime or dollar was to her an idea of supply and therefore infinite. Every time she paid a bill, she insisted that this was added to her supply. If I give you an idea and you give me an idea, we both have two ideas. Thus, moment by moment, things were taken care of.

And when conditions changed, she had made the demonstration of sufficiency of income before the evidence of increased income appeared. *Mis 175:12* "The measure of life shall increase . . ."

Do we pray for growth in grace to meet the demands of the day instead of praying for something, for our bread for today? He who prays daily for grace reflects graciousness, poise, strength, wisdom, courteousness, good. "My grace is sufficient for thee." Grace for today is what we most need to express.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors – And Love is reflected in love.

Jesus' forgiveness of sin saw the unreality of sin. His seeing its unreality and its seeming results destroyed both the sin and its results. See the utter unreality of sin and it can be forgiven. "Owe no man anything, but to love one another."

The speaker told of early struggle to make ends meet, and in spite of everything, they seemed to spend more than they could produce. Finally, the healing came when she prayed, "Dear God, forgive us our debts." "Forgive us for lack of wisdom that led us into debt, for believing in any lack when the promise has been and always is, 'I shall not want.'" In searching my own thinking, I found many places where I could not pay debts of resentment, slights, worry, letting down my defenses by letting in doubts and fear. The way to stay out of debt is to stay in God's divine Love – "in Love reflected in love."

Are you holding others in the mortal concept of mind? The right thoughts give the right ideas.

If we believe someone does not love us, we have a debt, just as much as if we did not love someone. 'If you bring an offering and believe a brother has aught against you, etc.' Never forget to ask God's forgiveness of our debts.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil – And God leadeth us not into temptation, but delivereth us from sin, disease and death.

Webster: temptation: to test thoroughly; to prove; to examine; a time of provocation. Jesus' temptations were thoughts which presented themselves to him just as thoughts present themselves to you. Evil could not cast him down from the temple, it could only suggest that he cast himself down.

He refused every suggestion until there was nothing left to suggest anything of evil. Then God's thoughts came and ministered to him and never left him for the rest of his earthly experience.

Eve's temptations in the Garden of Eden were the same as Jesus' experience, but Eve quibbled with error and gave in to it.

Be alert to see that every temptation is a suggestion that evil is real and good is absent. Then the temptation can do absolutely nothing. Handle all cases as beliefs – not as your patient's beliefs, but as the beliefs of mortal mind. It is the truth of his being that you want to present to the patient's thought.

When you have reached the state in your own thought where everything is God's being, then bring your patient into that holy of holies where healing takes place. Always stand in the light of Love, and all who come to you for help will be drawn into that light.

Rise to that state of consciousness where there is nothing but God and His universe. *Study S&H pages 390-392, 495.*

I have said little about animal magnetism as such, but we have been handling it all day positively. Always handle it as a belief. "The Prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me."

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever – For God is infinite, all power, all Life, all Truth and Love, over all and ALL.

The Kingdom of Heaven is the kingdom of "I AM." As we let the Trinity rule in us, its power will expand until we awake to see the kingdoms of the world are become the kingdoms of Our Lord, without any opposites.

The three kingdoms which have held us in mortality are included in the belief that everything is either animal, vegetable or mineral. They have reigned too long and are the belief of life in matter. The Kingdom of Heaven must outshine and destroy these kingdoms through the Trinity – Life, Truth, and Love.

The Kingdom of Heaven in man is the reign of harmony, divine Science, through which man has dominion over the whole earth. In the Kingdom of Heaven, man has complete dominion. This dominion is fulfilled today in Christian Science as the kingdom within us. Man is the reflection and reality of God's being, "For thine is the power and the glory, forever."

Forever – what is it? It extends into the past as it does into the future. It transcends time and translates it into the now. It reaches into the past and wipes out everything unlike God.

Handling the serious results of an automobile accident, the practitioner realized her treatment reached into the past, and erased the possibility of an accident, and this kept it from happening. The patient's awakened thought rejoiced that she was never in an accident.

The practitioner told the patient – your part of the work is to know the Truth that the accident never happened. My work is to extend into the past and prevent the accident from happening. The Truth I declare extends into the past, present and future. It is FOREVER.

The first day, the injured flesh was held together, and the work done. On the third day, the patient again was able to drive her car; and at the end of the week, the healing was complete.

Realize that every Truth you declare extends into the past, into the future, as well as into the present. Do not make the mistake of thinking of 'forever' as a future going on and on; it has included all the past. And, if the Truth is true now, it was true then. If you admit that error has a past, you are giving it a place in the present and the future.

You can bring that belief called a 'past' into the present and destroy it. All that there is to the past is the past acknowledgement of it. "And God requires that which is past. . . and He requires it to be perfect and He requires you to have dominion over it." *Ecclesiastes*

God requires that we flush out past error through the Truth of being. We go back and correct mistakes that seemed to have blocked our progress in this manner.

Science possess all time, space, as our Leader declares, "Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations."

You have dominion over that which is, which was, and which shall be. God gave it to you. Your dominion is FOREVER. Truly God's kingdom is come and is within you and is within all mankind.

"Of His kingdom there shall be no end for Christ, God's idea, will eventually rule all nations and peoples . . ."

