

"THE PROPER WAY FOR A MAN TO PRAY,"
SAID DEACON LEMUEL KEYES,
"AND THE ONLY PROPER ATTITUDE,
IS DOWN UPON HIS KNEES."

"NO, I SHOULD SAY THE WAY TO PRAY,"
SAID REVEREND DOCTOR WISE,
"IS STANDING STRAIGHT, WITH OUTSTRETCHED ARMS,
AND RAPT AND UPTURNED EYES."

"OH NO; NO, NO," SAID ELDER SLOW,
"SUCH POSTURE IS TOO PROUD:
A MAN SHOULD PRAY WITH EYES FAST CLOSED
AND HEAD CONTRITELY BOWED."

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"IT SEEMS TO ME HIS HANDS SHOULD BE
AUSTERELY CLASPED IN FRONT,
WITH BOTH THUMBS POINTING TOWARD THE GROUND,"
SAID REVEREND DOCTOR BLUNT.

"LAST YEAR I FELL IN HODGKIN'S WELL
HEAD FIRST," SAID CYRUS BROWN,
"WITH BOTH MY HEELS A-STICKING UP,
MY HEAD A-POINTING DOWN;

"AND I MADE A PRAYER RIGHT THEN AND THERE—
BEST PRAYER I EVER SAID,
THE PRAYINGEST PRAYER I EVER PRAYED,
STANDING ON MY HEAD."

"THE PRAYER OF CYRUS BROWN" BY SAM WALTER FOSS

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¹⁴ FOR THIS REASON I BOW MY KNEES BEFORE THE FATHER,
¹⁵ FROM WHOM EVERY FAMILY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH IS
NAMED, ¹⁶ THAT ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY

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HE MAY GRANT YOU TO BE STRENGTHENED WITH POWER
THROUGH HIS SPIRIT IN YOUR INNER BEING, ¹⁷ SO THAT
CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS THROUGH FAITH—

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THAT YOU, BEING ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE,
¹⁸ MAY HAVE STRENGTH TO COMPREHEND WITH ALL THE
SAINTS WHAT IS THE BREADTH AND LENGTH

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AND HEIGHT AND DEPTH, ¹⁹ AND TO KNOW THE LOVE OF
CHRIST THAT SURPASSES KNOWLEDGE, THAT YOU MAY BE
FILLED WITH ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD. —EPHESIANS 3:14-19

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PRAYER IS...

I. A PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH GOD

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"PRAYER IS NOT STRIKING A PIÑATA OR ASKING GOD FOR GOODIES. IT BEGINS AND ENDS IN WORSHIP."
—TONY MERIDA

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CONSEQUENTLY, HE IS ABLE TO SAVE TO THE UTTERMOST THOSE WHO DRAW NEAR TO GOD THROUGH HIM, SINCE HE ALWAYS LIVES TO MAKE INTERCESSION FOR THEM. —HEBREWS 7:25

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¹⁴ SINCE THEN WE HAVE A GREAT HIGH PRIEST WHO HAS PASSED THROUGH THE HEAVENS, JESUS, THE SON OF GOD, LET US HOLD FAST OUR CONFESSION.

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¹⁵ FOR WE DO NOT HAVE A HIGH PRIEST WHO IS UNABLE TO SYMPATHIZE WITH OUR WEAKNESSES, BUT ONE WHO IN EVERY RESPECT HAS BEEN TEMPTED AS WE ARE, YET WITHOUT SIN.

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¹⁶ LET US THEN WITH CONFIDENCE DRAW NEAR TO THE THRONE OF GRACE, THAT WE MAY RECEIVE MERCY AND FIND GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED. —HEBREWS 4:14-16

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"PRAYER IS BEYOND ANY QUESTION
THE HIGHEST ACTIVITY OF THE HUMAN SOUL.
MAN IS AT HIS GREATEST AND HIGHEST

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WHEN UPON HIS KNEES HE COMES FACE TO FACE WITH GOD."
—MARTYN-LLOYD JONES

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PRAYER IS...
2. A RELATIONAL BOND WITH
OTHER BELIEVERS

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PRAYER IS...
3. AN INTENTIONAL REQUEST FOR GOD
TO WORK IN US

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• TO TRADE OUR WEAKNESS FOR HIS POWER

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• TO MOVE FROM ISOLATION TO INTIMACY

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¹⁶ LET THE WORD OF CHRIST DWELL IN YOU RICHLY,
TEACHING AND ADMONISHING ONE ANOTHER IN ALL
WISDOM, SINGING PSALMS AND HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS,

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WITH THANKFULNESS IN YOUR HEARTS TO
GOD. ¹⁷ AND WHATEVER YOU DO, IN WORD OR DEED,
DO EVERYTHING IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS,

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GIVING THANKS TO GOD THE FATHER THROUGH HIM.
—COLOSSIANS 3:16-17

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• TO LIVE ROOTED AND GROUNDED
IN THE LOVE OF GOD

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"IT'S SO LONG, THAT YOUR OLD AGE CANNOT WEAR IT OUT,
SO LONG YOUR CONTINUAL TRIBULATION CANNOT EXHAUST
IT, YOUR SUCCESSIVE TEMPTATIONS SHALL NOT DRAIN IT DRY;

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LIKE ETERNITY ITSELF IT KNOWS NO BOUNDS."
—CHARLES HADDON SPURGEON

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• TO EXCHANGE OUR EMPTINESS
FOR HIS FULLNESS

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"IT IS SAID THAT NATURE ABHORS A VACUUM. THIS EXPLAINS
WHY AIR AND WATER WILL AUTOMATICALLY FLOW INTO AN
EMPTY SPACE. THE DIVINE NATURE ABHORS A VACUUM.

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GOD WANTS US (HIS CREATED PEOPLE)
TO EXPERIENCE HIS FULLNESS."
—WARREN WIERSBE

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