

# Daily Prayer

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Today's prayer is based on C.H. Spurgeon's morning devotional for June 10 from his book, Morning and Evening.

*For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.  
So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.*

Romans 14.8 ESV

Lord, I know that, if you had meant for it to happen,  
I could have entered heaven at the moment of my conversion.\*  
It was not absolutely necessary for my preparation for eternal life  
that I should stay for long in this world.

I believe it was possible for me to be taken to heaven,  
and to find myself ready to participate in the inheritance that Jesus mentioned  
has been prepared for his called ones, for those who walk in his light,  
even if I were a recent believer.

Lord, I know that for me to be set aside for your purposes  
is a long and continuing process,  
and will not be completed until I lay aside my body  
and pass into the life you have for me after my physical death;  
but nevertheless, if you had willed it,  
you could have changed me from imperfection to perfection in a moment,  
and taken me directly to heaven.

Why then am I here?

Would you keep me from life with you in heaven  
for a single moment longer than necessary?

Why am I still with your army on the field of battle  
when one charge might send me home victorious?

Why am I, with so many of your children,  
still wandering without direction through a maze,  
when a single word from your lips  
would bring me to the center of my hopes in heaven?

It must be that here I may *live unto You, Lord,*  
and may bring others to know your love.

I, along with your people, remain here on earth  
as sowers to scatter good seed,  
as a plowman to break up unplanted ground,  
as a royal messenger to announce the good news of our salvation.

I am here to be *salt of the earth*, to be a blessing to the world.

I am here to glorify Jesus in my daily life.

I am here to work for him - and to work together with him.

Lord, help me see to it that my life serves your purpose.

Let me live a purposeful, useful, dedicated life  
*to the praise of the glory of your grace.*

Lord, I long to be with you and to sing daily:  
*My heart is with You on Your throne,  
impatient with delay;  
Each moment listening for Your voice,  
"Rise up! and come away!"*

Help me use my days wisely for your purposes  
for Jesus and his kingdom's sake. Amen.

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...True prayer is measured by weight, not by length. A single groan before God may have more fullness of prayer in it than a fine oration of great length.

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon

*\*Conversion* = To convert something is to change it. Our "conversion" is the moment we are changed from thinking we belong to our selves to realizing we belong to our heavenly Father and must come to him on his terms, i.e., through the merits of Jesus.