

Daily Prayer

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Today's prayer is based on a prayer titled Caring Love from the Valley of Vision.

Heavenly Father,

My thinking breaks down when I try to comprehend what it must be like
to be the only entirely self-sufficient being in existence,
needing nothing outside of yourself,
being the source of everything else.

Your many perfections pile glory upon glory.

Your throne is eternal and your empire universal.

Ten thousand times ten thousand do your bidding.

Help me grasp just a bit of your greatness.

Please, by your grace, let the understanding of your greatness

inspire me to approach - not drive me from you;

lead me to admire your great condescension - not diminish my confidence.

You have thought of me and visited me,

taken charge of me from birth,

cared in all conditions for me,

fed me at your table,

drawn curtains of love around me,

given me new mercies each morning.

Keep me mindful that I look for greater blessings than these:

a hope beyond the grave,

the deposit and teasers of life eternal,

holiness, wisdom, strength, peace, joy;

all these you provide for me in Jesus, my Lord.

I grieve to think how insensible I have been

of your claims of authority,

of the endearments of your love,

of how little I regarded your truth,

trusted your promises,

obeyed your commands,

improved my advantages,

welcomed your warnings,

responded to your grace;

yet, in spite of what I deserve, I still live!

Lord, may your goodness lead me to repentance,

and your patient endurance of my lasting offenses

prove at last to be my salvation.

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of your presence,

your sustaining care,

the gift of your Son,

and the presence and work of your Spirit. Amen.

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A prayerless church member is a hindrance. He is in the body like a rotting bone or a decayed tooth. Before long, since he does not contribute to the benefit of his brethren, he will become a danger and a sorrow to them.

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon