

# Daily Prayer

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

Today's prayer is based on *Fullness in Christ*, p. 19, Valley of Vision.

Heavenly Father,

You have taught me

that Christ has all fullness and therefore an *abundance* of the Spirit,  
that what I do not have in myself is in plentiful supply in your Son,  
for his people, not for himself alone.

He has perfect knowledge, grace, "right"-ness,  
to make me see,  
to make me "right"-eous,  
to give *me* fullness.

You have taught me

that it is my duty, out of my sense of emptiness,  
to go to Jesus, to possess and enjoy *his* fullness as *mine*,  
as if I have it in myself, because it is *for me*, in him,  
that when I do this I am full of the Spirit,  
as a fish that has gone from the shallows to the deepest part of the sea  
and has all fullness of waters to move in.

When faith fills me, then I am full.

You have taught me

that the way to be filled with the Spirit is like Stephen - first faith, then fullness,  
for this way makes me most empty,  
and so best prepared for the Spirit to fill.

You have taught me that

the finding of this treasure of all grace in the field of Christ  
gives birth to strength, joy, glory,  
and makes all your graces come alive.

Help me take more pleasure in what I receive from Jesus,  
more in that fullness which is in him,  
the fountain of all his glory.

Do not let me think of the Spirit as some "thing" to receive from you, Lord,  
apart from finding, drinking, being filled with *him*.

For this purpose, O Father,

establish me "in Christ",  
settle me, give me *being* there, in Christ,  
assure me that all his fullness is certainly mine,  
for only life *in him* will fill my heart with joy and peace,  
for Jesus and his kingdom's sake. Amen.

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Prayer is climbing up into the heart of God.

- Martin Luther