"Men, ought always to pray, and not to faint."-Luke 18. 1.

Pray, always pray; the Holy Spirit pleads Within thee all thy daily, hourly needs.

Pray, always pray; beneath sin's heavies Prayer sees the blood from Jesus' side that flowed.

Pray, always pray; though weary, faint, Prayer nestles by the Father's sheltering throne.

Pray, always pray; amid the world's turmoil Prayer keeps the heart at rest, and nerves for toil

Pray, always pray; if joys thy pathway throng, Prayer strikes the harp, and sings the angels' song.

Pray, always pray; if loved ones pass the Prayer drinks with them of springs that

cannot fail.

All earthly things with earth shall fade Prayer grasps eternity; pray, always pray -- Bishop Bickersteth.

## Kindness in Unanswered Prayer.

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There are some of our prayers which God loves us to well to answer. If he did what we plead with him, sometimes agonizingly, to do, he would withdraw from us great blessings. But he would rather resist our pleadings and disappoint us than impoverish our life by letting us have what we want.

In one of St. Peter's epistles is a little phrase of three words, which casts a ray of light on many things in life that seem hard. The writer is speaking of trials, and says," Now for a little while, if need be, ye have been put to grief." "If need be" is the illuminating clause in this sentence. It shines like a star with heavenly light upon the darkness of pain and sorrow. There is a divine reason for the trouble which we long to get rid of. There is a blessing in the thing which is so hard to bear. To take it away would be to take a good, divine gift out of our life.

A marginal reading of an oft-quoted promise tells us the secret that our burden" is a gift of God to us. This thought changes the meaning of the experience in our life which is hard for us to endure. A burden is some thing heavy, something hard to carry It weighs us down, crushes us, so that we feel as if we must faint beneath it. It is natural for us to want to get rid of it. We say we would go on much more easily, with much more celerity, if only we could lay off our heavy load. So we pray God to take it away from us.

But just then our eye catches sight of the alternative reading, "gift"-our burden is God's gift to us. This un lovely, uncomfortable, heavy, crushing thing, under which we are bow ng in weakness-it is a gift from God to us. A gift from God! Then it must be good; there must be something gracious and loving in it.

God would not give us anything mere ly to make us suffer. He does not take pleasure in making life hard for us. This unwinsome thing, this that causes us so much pain, enfolds in its unantractiveness a secret of blessing. It is something we could not afford to have taken away. If only we could see the hidden treasure of good there is in it, we would no longer cry to God to have it removed.

Is would be unkind in our Father. therefore to take away these things which we plead with him to remove. His kindness is shown rather in refusing our prayers. We cast the burden upon him, as he bids us do, but it is still on our own shoulder-he does not carry it for us. Yet the prayer is answered-answered, too, in a far better way than if the heavy weight were lifted off. "He shall sustain thee" is the promise. Instead of bearing the load for us, he gives us strength, so that we can bear it ourselves. Thus we get the blessing of the "need be," and we do not lose the gift of God which came in the burden.

Besides, we are divinely strengthen ed, and rise to new power as Christians. For it is a great deal better for us if God makes us strong, so that we can carry our own loads, than if he had carried them for us. It power as holy living, We may have family altar as God's servant. They was better that Peter and I mat the every other accomplishment, but with- should train their dear ones to love Beautiful Gate should make the lame out this our lives will be a failure. and honor him, not only for his man well, so that he needed no more With this inward adorning and outto beg, than if they had given him ward manifestation, although minus but for his office's sake. We know alms enough to provide for him for a many other graces, we will succeed in this is now counted old-fshioned doctwhole year. God is much more eager making an impression on the minds rine, but it is scriptural teaching: to make something of us than he is and hearts of others that will stir with- and at the risk of being regarded a to give us an easy time for just a few in them a desire to be good. Holiness fogy, we plead for more of this minis-

It will help us better to understand preme aim of all to obtain. the divine method in answering prayer The injunction of holy writ is: "Be though they put in no such claim in through eternity, what you have done y with it.

for the taking away of his "thorn" ilthought was an insuperable hindrance room for controversy at this point. to him in his life and work. It caused The question of the possibility of so him great distress. If only he were free from this torturing trouble, how much stronger he would be, how much more he could in! So he took it to the Lord in prayer. He prayed very earnestly-three times he made his supplication. To his surprise, however, the thorn was not removed. He must still keep it.

poured upon his trouble, and it appeared in new meaning. Instead of a rough, sharp thorn, it was a shining must be in accordance with his will. gift of God. Instead of a hindrance to his usefulness, it became a new secret of power and blessing. The suffering would keep him lowly, save him from spiritual pride, and anything feature. Normal Christianity will that does that for a successful and not meet the demand. There must be honored servant of Christ is an incalculable blessing. Besides, it drew down with it into the apostle's life A revival of holy living is the great more of Christ, a greater measure of strength of Christ. So St. Paul ly root d in the teachings of the Word learned that his seemingly intolerable burden was indeed a gracious gift from God. If his prayer had been answered he would have been a great loser, his life would have been impoverished. It was not answered, and frank, candid, square, transparent, he found in his heart new blessing, with which he would not have parted for the world's best treasure.

not what they seem. We allow sense to interpret for us what is good and what is not good.

If we remember always that the things which are seen are only temporal, while the things which are unseen are eternal, we should see good in what now seems only evil. After all life will never be cured until a far it is safest to let the will of God rule greater portion of time, until a far in our life bringing our own will always into quiet submission. God hard and happy work of praying. It knows what is best for us, and we need not be afraid to trust him with the final decision regarding every pray er we make.

## "The Faith of My Father."

Simple, confiding trust in God, with in a like manner. To live in the atmos hearty acceptance of the Holy Scriptures as containing a revelation of his will, is the only faith that will bear the test of stern experience in prolonged earthly life. Toying with doubt, playing with liberalism and compromising with the world, sooner or later produce their blighting effects power of the Christian Church are unupon the frail spirit as it becomes conscious by the passing years of the and her people are proving that through fraility of life, the certainty of deathand | Christ we have access in one Spirit to the prospect of eternal existence. This truth was strikingly illustrated is Lord in the Holy Ghost. Then recently when a well-known business man of Boston called into the office of tend Christian worship. There is a Zion's Herald to make inquiries concerning the merits of various commentaries upon the New Testament, saying that he desired to use one in the study of the gosp ls and the letters of St. Paul. Of the man himself ed unto them, of their comprehension and his impressive testimony we are happy to let Dr. Parkhurst speak:

"He is the son of one of the ablest fills each star, one star differing from and best known Methodist ministers of New England, deceased for many years. And this, in substance, is what the Highest overshadows them. So he volunteered to say, with much seriousness and emphasis: 'For Jesus, and believing in their hearts eventy years I have attended the liberal churches of this city and have heard the preaching. It has brought me nothing in the way of a clear and forceful exposition and application of the truth of the Bible. The pulpits have dealt mainly in negations and have left me spiritually famished. I find myself hungering for the truth my father used to preach, and I want this commentary to aid me in a personal away from the old idea "of respect study of the New Testament. When for the cloth." The I was a young man I thought I knew fered in consequence. The young everything, and I used to think my father was limited and straitened in heathen-ordained and God-given rela his theological views; and with boyish tion. It is true the minister should ness that surprises. All druggists confidence would tell him so. But he commend himself to the good will and sell it 25 cents. The genuine has "F. would say to me with great gentleness, respect of the community, and he genyou get to be older." I have found his words true, and I want to get back to the comforting faith of my father. It was a noble and manly confession; and Lord. They should speak of him but how many have lived to learn a and act toward him in a way to show similar lesson!"

A Holy Life

Christian can live beneath this privilustrates this teaching. This thorn lege, and retain the knowledge of was something which the apostle salvation in Jesus Christ. There is no ful bonds established between pastor doing, it seems to us, cannot be raised. There can be no mental reservation or equivocation here. We stand in the presence of Jehovah's stern decree. To please God I must live a holy life God will not abide in the heart where sin dwells. When he assumes sway in our natures all rivalry must cease. Obedience to him is the test of dis-But a blessed, heavenly light was cipleship.

No departure from this law is allowable. Every thought, word, and deed The lack of spiritual power in the individual Christian life is at this point. The profession of salvation is one thing; the exemplification of this is another the practical and the experimental,

There can be no substitute for piety need of the church to day; lives deepof God; lives influenced by the guidance of the Divine Spirit; lives hid with Christ; lives that cannot, and will not tolerate the questionable in thought or practice; lives clear, manly, open, not concealed from the gaze of the world, but lived in the open. Would to God that all who profess his name So we get our lesson. Things are lived in this way! What an influence would be exerted! How soon would we see the ranks of the enemy waver -Baltimore Methodist.

## A Cure for Spiritual Poverty

The poverty of modern Christian greater earnestness, is put into the is instructive to read in the life of Frederick Maurice how he would often be engaged in prayer all the night through; and if everything were known, it would be found that all Christians who have made a deep mark have sought and found the Lord phere of prayer is to live in the atmosphere of miracle, in the atmosphere of the New Testament, and it is in this way, and in this way only, that faith in the divine manifestation is kept alive and burning. When the strength, the joy, the peace, and the impaired, it is because her ministers the Father, and confessing that Jesus there is no complaint of failures to atlonging even on the part of those out side to touch the hands of those who have walked with the Most High. The brethren are able to speak to one another of what the Lord has deliverof the supernatural revelation. They shine with the divine splendor which another in glory. The Holy Ghost comes upon them, and the power of confessing with their mouths the Lord that God has raised Him from the dead

they are saved. - British Weekly. Loyalty to the Pastor. We would love to see a revival of oyal'y to the pastor as pastor. Many love and respect him as a man, but care little or nothing for his office. The present age is rapidly growing have not been trained to honor it as a "Willie, you will not think so when erally does if he is made of true stuff; but God's people should recognize and honor his calling, and stand by him as the ambassador of their heavenly King their spiritual regard for him as a religious teacher, who stands in Christ's stead to beserch men to be reconciled to God. They should ad-The world never needed holy lives mit him to their homes in the name asmuch as at the present hour Nothing and in the spirit of the Master. They will exert such potential influence and should remember him around the worth's sake, but for his office's sake. of heart and life should be the su- terial loyalty in the pew and in the Youth goes. Mind decays. That

ment cenception of God's servant. There will be stronger and more helpand people, while God will be pleased, and His cause increasingly benefited. -The Presbyterian.

## Living Prayer.

After a prayer-meeting, at which a woman had been among those who spoke aloud in prayer, a person slightingly observed, " As for that woman, she could pray all night."

"Yes," replied a devout, friend, 'and I have no doubt she has often

This was a first-rate reply. Of how few would it have been spoken! Yet those who are much in prayer alone are those who pray to purpose in the assembly. You can tell the other sort, however ready their utterance. It is as per usual. It is parroty-too glib to be earnest, too professional to be deep. This kind of prayer is a mist which does not wet you, a fire which does not warm you. You could sleep from "Our Father" to "Amen" under such a performance. Yet it is very good and proper. There is nothing the matter with it except that it is dead - dead as the woman's child, which neither of the two mothers cared to own in Solom n's court. Oh for more living children! We mean true, crying, struggling prayers. These can only come from those who in private wrestle, and weep, and prevail. An occasional breakdown is very refreshing. To observe a heart too full to express itself with the tongue s most arousing to the soul. - Ex.

## ard After.

'I think a Christian can go anydefending her continued attendance at the morning cannot be stayed; the some very doubtful places of amuse-

'Certainly she can,' rejoined her friend, 'but I am reminded of a little incident that happened last summer when I went with a party of friends to explore a coal mine. One of the young women appeared dressed in a to the old miner who was to act as guide to the party.

'Can't I wear a white dress down into the mine?' she asked p tulantly. 'Yes'm,' returned the old man .. There's nothin' to keep you from wearin' a white frock down there, but highly colored urin. Frequent urina-

from wearin one back.' Christian wearing his white garmen s when he seeks the fellowship of that which is unclean, but there is a good deal to prevent him from wearing white garments afterwards.

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smile broke over his countenance.

'They are in heaven, 'he repeated, slowly and calmly; 'yet my children still: not dead, but gone before.'-Christian Life.

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### The i Hidden Sin.

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A faithful Christian's manner of words, as well as of life, already has the mark of heaven's purity upon it. Speaking the truth in love, men trust him. Seeking not his own, men come to speak unselfishly in his presence. Considering others, they in turn become considérate. Cherishing no resentments, he awakens no angry feelings. Such a Christian self-control is not easily attained, but it is worth striving for, and by God's help, it is not out of reach. - The Congregationa- ing and often save life.

men forget their souls, the future beyond, and the day of reckoning.

Now I want you to think that in life troubles will come which seem as if they would never pass away. The night and the storm look as if they where,' said a young woman who was would last forever, but the calm and storm in its very nature is transient. -Geo. Macdonald.

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