

## THE POWER OF PRAYER

White Lily has been asked within the classes several times if she would bring further understanding upon THE POWER OF PRAYER.

We know that we have within the past times of lecturing within the chapel as well as within the classes, talked upon PRAYER. We know that all of you have had many experiences herewith, but we know also that this is one of the greatest gifts man has and he has such a small understanding of that which lies within his hands.

We know that the scientists of your world say that man has used but a very small portion of his physical brain and that he is capable of far greater deeds than he has yet performed. In their study and analysis of this, they have found that man only uses the surface of this organ. So also in his spiritual nature, man only uses, to a very small degree, the force and power of prayer. For one to use prayer, to make of it a tool to use throughout the whole of his earth existence, he must first understand what prayer is. We know that it is referred to many times within your Bible, back in the Old Testament, in their formalized prayers of that day and that religion, as well as within the New Testament, the portion of your Bible dealing with Jesus, the Christed One. We know that Jesus was a great disciple of prayer for he had the full understanding of the meaning of it. To him it was not a word, it was an act. To him it was not that which man repeated over and over again; well worn phrases, hoping to find a response from a far-off Father. To him, it was as simple as reaching his hand to his Father. It was as simple as the faith of a little child.

We know that when the way grew rough he many times, when the path was obscure, went apart and prayed. We know that he, through prayer, was given the strength to go forward into a culmination that could not be turned aside. Prayer is the most powerful force in your world and nothing can stay it if it is indeed pure prayer. We would like to give you a greater understanding of it that you might use each day in your daily living.

Prayer has been defined in many ways and by many people. Many of your books give you definitions of the meaning of the word, and yet it is that which man must learn in experience, and which he cannot pass on to others. It is a touching in, an attunement with the overall Creator. It is the upreaching of the individualized spark of God encased in human flesh to the Source from which is sprang. It is communication, a re-newing, a new re-strengthening from the Overall Force, the love of God.

Yet as we say these things, it still remains but words. It must first be put into action before it becomes a reality. We know that Jesus told his disciples to pray without ceasing. He did not mean that they were to spend the whole of their earth lives upon their physical knees, imploring their Father that their needs be granted. This was not that which he was saying unto them. He did not tell them that it was necessary for long dissertations to be given, for he many times rebuked the scribes and Pharisees for these very things. As he said unto them, 'to pray without ceasing' he was saying to them to stay in the flow of 'onement' with the Creator at all times, -- to be in tune with the define

creative Force that natural law might be in operation, that through this at-onement could flow the power, the love, and manifest in a physical world.

This is Prayer – a perfect attunement with the God-Force, a perfect sending out and receiving in turn, pure love. We know that man has sought in many ways to have his wishes fulfilled and that he has formalized prayers he says at certain times each day. We know that he is scornful of the prayers of others, and the manner in which they are delivered. Yet he does not realize that words are not necessary – an at-onement with the Creative Force is the prime requisite, and when this has been met, when this condition is in existence, prayer has been perfected, and man is open to all the power, all the good, of that Creator – God. He is then at-one with Him, and through Him can flow all things to all people.

We know that many people when they go apart to pray, pray in different ways, and yet with a selfish motive. Jesus taught one of his greatest lessons at the Garden of Gethsemane, when he said unto the Father 'if Thy Will is that I must drink of this cup, Thy Will be done.' Man has not learned that this is the way that it must be done; that it is through this means and this alone, he can become at-one. He does not realize that he must set aside the 'Me' part of his being, the selfishness within, and make of himself a channel, realizing that if it is good, it is God, and if it is God, it is good. It is not necessary that he ask that it be done in a certain way, at a certain time, and for a certain purpose. If these are all right, it will be fulfilled, and if not, it will come in such a manner that he will be benefited. When man asks that prayer be answered, under prescribed conditions, he is saying in effect that he has greater wisdom than his Creator. when he tries to dictate the terms under which it is brought through to him, he is saying he is superior to the One from whom he is seeking these things.

How many times individuals will pray concerning happenings, concerning incidents in their earth lives, and wonder so often why they are not fulfilled, without realizing that they have not offered prayers, they have only demanded that certain conditions be built and through this, certain conditions be brought about.

It has only been a short period of time ago when one of White Lily's family was to appear in a public place to speak, they spent much time praying that they would do justice to that which was being given, that they would, in effect, impress those around and about them with their knowledge and their understanding, and when the time came they felt very bereft and very much alone. They had not prayed that God be expressed through them, they had not prayed that the way be opened that God's Will be done, they had prayed in selfishness, that in going forth in this manner, they, as an individual, would be uplifted, would be elevated in the eyes of others. It cannot be a demanding, it must be a subjection of the individualistic will to the Overall Father. Only in this way does prayer take place. It does not make a difference the words that are said, how they are repeated, or the position in which the body finds itself. These are a nothingness. Man can pray in the midst of the greatest of crowds, or he can pray in the loneliness of the night. Man can pray in a church or he can pray in a den of thieves. It makes no difference where a physical body is, for it is not a thing of the physical, it is of the spirit within, an uplifting, until a one-ment has been gained with the Creator, and then perfect prayer takes place.

Men need not implore and beseech his maker, for the things of the earth, for the things of the body. He only needs to be in attune-ment with this Creative Force and it will already have been his. Whenever you are within this Flow all things of good in the course of natural law will be drawn to you. Man through his misunderstanding forms many barriers to the very help that he seeks. He weakens the greatest treasure hereby that he has.

We know that many say, "But how can you attain this at-onement, how can you place yourself wholly in the Hands of God, how can you remove the 'me' completely so the way is open?" It must be a deep spiritual desire of the soul. It cannot be superfluous words uttered without a moment of thought, it must be first an outpouring of the spirit within, an honest, earnest desire to be in attune-ment, whatever the reason, with the Creator, with the Source from which he sprang. In reality the majority of earth people do not wish to be in God's Flow. If you were to look within their sub-conscious you would find that they do not wish God's Will be done, for they are afraid He wouldn't do it the way that they wish it performed. There are few that can completely subject themselves to the course of natural law, God's love. It is lack of understanding of the things of the spirit, in instruction and knowledge being given. If man can realize that his own reasoning is infinitesimal in comparison with the knowledge of the Creator, that he, in reality, is as a grain of sand upon the shores of the sea, he would seek his place in the whole of the Universe, in the whole of Creation, and realize he needed a far greater force than himself to direct the destiny of those around and about him.

Man must first see his own place in the existence of the earth, and through the finding of his own placement, seek understanding of that of He who created all things. When he sees these in their proper proportions, then he can pray in humbleness, in openness that the Will of Him that is so far above man and his little capabilities pour out upon him and all others around and about him that which is needed.

Prayer is the most wonderful experience a spirit can express, either within a body or without. Surely we in spirit pray. We strive, as Jesus taught, to pray without ceasing, and there is no other experience as rewarding, as rich, as beautiful, as being in at-onement with He who created us all. When you feel the flow of God's love through your being, when you feel that that in which you are encased is too small to hold that which is being poured into the soul, you have experienced prayer. No words are needed, for you know with the whole depth of your understanding, that these have already been cared for, -- that not only are your needs known, but they have been fulfilled.

Jesus said, 'when thou prayest, go into the closet and close the door, and when thou has closed the door, pray to thy Father in secret, and the Father who heareth in secret, shall reward thee openly.' He was not speaking of a little room in which you might be encased, he was speaking of going deep within yourself to the spirit within and there praying in secret, there opening the floodgates of the soul, that the love of the Creator might sweep through as the tide, bringing with it all things that denote love.

By praying within the effects are manifested openly, physically, around and about that all might see the results thereof. If there is a one present that has not experienced

this, they have lost one of the greatest experiences in existence. If there is one present that has not felt the exhilaration of communication with their Creator, they are lacking in understanding of the basic teachings of the things of God.

For those that have not yet learned to open the door, that have not as yet learned to formulate this contact, White Lily would say to set apart a time each day, a time of meditation, quietness, a time of going within thy closet and closing the doors, and thinking with all you have within your mentality, within your very soul of the blessings that are yours, of what, in truth, at that moment you thank God for, and as they pile one upon another without number, you will find an exhilaration rising within, you will find a desire for this attunement, for this one-ment from Whom they came. Do this until you find the response, until you feel the vibration raised, for then you are well upon the path of finding Prayer.

As I said at the beginning it is one of the greatest forces within your world, for it is God in action. Make use of it each day. Not alone for what it might bring unto others, but for the joy that it will bring unto you. You will find that you will desire to do as Jesus said to his disciples, 'to pray without ceasing.' You will find that when this is not present, you will feel bereft, alone, and sad. You will find that when the door is closed, all things of life have been shut away. Learn to pray, for in the learning you will gain, not alone the things of the material which are here today and tomorrow shall pass away, but the things of eternal value, that shall ever be upon your record of life in the times to come. Seek this unity and once it has been established, all the kingdoms of the earth cannot take it away from you. It will be in truth your greatest treasure.

White Lily hopes that she has helped in her time of speaking this evening with you, that she has brought a thought that each may take with you into the days to come, to make of this earth life a greater and brighter experience. Before leaving she would like to ask upon her chapel, upon all that have gathered here, God's richest blessings. May here the light of truth ever shine forth. May here prayer be the symbol of spiritual living. May the physical building be the home of the things of the spirit and may it ever be filled with light, with love, with God and His peace.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL

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