

Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire

Hymn # 145 Simplified

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Peacefully ♩ = 76-96

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1. Prayer is the soul's sin - cere de - sire,
 2. Prayer is the bur - den of a sigh,
 3. Prayer is the sim - plest form of speech
 4. Prayer us the Chris - tian's vi - - tal breath,

Ut - tered or un - ex - pressed, The mo - tion of a
 The fall - ing of a tear, The up - ward glanc - ing
 That in - fant lips can try; Prayer, the sub - lim - est
 The Chris - tian's na - tive air, His watch - word at the

hid - den fire That trem - bles in the breast.
 of a eye When none but God is near.
 strains that reach The Man - es - ty on high.
 gates of death; He en - ters heav'n with prayer.

5. Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,
 Returning from his ways,
 While angels in their songs rejoice
 And cry, "Behold, he prays!",

6. The Saints in prayer appear as one
 In word and deed and mind,
 While with the Father and the Son
 Their fellowship they find.

7. Nor prayer is made on earth alone:
 The Holy Spirit pleads,
 And Jesus at the Father's throne
 For sinners intercedes.

8. O thou by whom we come to God,
 The life, the Truth, the Way!
 The path of prayer thyself hast trod;
 Lord, teach us how to pray.

3 Nephi 13:5-13; 18:15-20

James 5:16