

Second Wednesday, June 13, 2018 Prayer for our Leaders: Thou Art Truth's Honest Child

Hymns

Hymn 307

Shepherd, show me how to go O'er the hillside steep, How to gather, how to sow,—How to feed Thy sheep ;I will listen for Thy voice, Lest my footsteps stray; I will follow and rejoice All the rugged way.

Thou wilt bind the stubborn will, Wound the callous breast, Make self-righteousness be still, Break earth's stupid rest. Strangers on a barren shore, Lab'ring long and lone, We would enter by the door, And Thou know'st Thine own;

So, when day grows dark and cold, Tear or triumph harms, Lead Thy lambkins to the fold,Take them in Thine arms; Feed the hungry, heal the heart, Till the morning's beam; White as wool, ere they depart, Shepherd, wash them clean.

Hymn 382

What is thy birthright, man, Child of the perfect One; What is thy Father's plan For His beloved son?

Thou art Truth's honest child, Of pure and sinless heart; Thou treadest undefiled In Christly paths apart.

Vain dreams shall disappear As Truth dawns on the sight; The phantoms of thy fear Shall flee before the light.

Take then the sacred rod; Thou art not error's thrall; Thou hast the gift of God—Dominion over all.

Hymn 118

Holy Spirit, Light divine,Shine upon this heart of mine; Kindle every high desire; Cleanse my thought in Thy pure fire.

Holy Spirit, Peace divine,Still this restless heart of mine; Speak to calm the tossing sea, Stayed in Thy tranquillity.

Holy Spirit, all divine, Dwell within this heart of mine; Bid my troubled thoughts be still; With Thy peace my spirit fill.

Holy Bible

1. Job 27:6 Amplified Bible (AMP)

"I hold fast my uprightness *and* my right standing with God and I will not let them go;

2. Ps. 37:5, 6 Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday"

3. Isaiah 9:6 The government shall be upon his shoulder:

4. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 Amplified Bible (AMP)

First of all, then, I urge that petitions (specific requests), prayers, intercessions (prayers for others) and thanksgivings be offered on behalf of all people, ² for kings and all who are in [positions of] high authority, so that we may live a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

5. Matt 15:1-20 THEN came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying,

Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

But ye say, Whosoever shall say to *his* father or *his* mother, *It is a gift*, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;

And honour not his father or his mother, *he shall be free*. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,

This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me.

But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.

And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand: Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?

But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

Then answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable.

And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding?

Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught?

But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

These are *the things* which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

6. Ps 37:1-2,9 FRET not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. →

For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.

7. Ezek 21:27 I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no *more*, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it *him*.

8. 1 Peter 1:3-5 Amplified Bible (AMP)

Blessed [gratefully praised and adored] be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant *and* boundless mercy has caused us to be born again [that is, to be reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, and set apart for His purpose] to an ever-living hope *and* confident assurance through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ [born anew] into an inheritance which is imperishable [beyond the reach of change] and undefiled and unfading, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected *and* shielded by the power of God through *your* faith for salvation that is ready to be revealed [for you] in the last time

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures

1. SH 223:31-7 God will overturn, until “He come whose right it is.” As the crude footprints of the past disappear from the dissolving paths of the present, we shall better understand the Science which governs these changes, and shall plant our feet on firmer ground

2. SH 117:29-31 Jesus bade his disciples beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees, which he defined as human doctrines.

3. SH 197:16-20 (It) It was the ignorance of our forefathers in the departments of knowledge now broadcast in the earth, that made them hardier than our trained physiologists, more honest than our sleek politicians.

4. **SH 236:6-7** Is it not professional reputation and emolument rather than the dignity of God's laws, which many leaders seek?
5. **SH 65:13-16** The broadcast powers of evil so conspicuous to-day show themselves in the materialism and sensualism of the age, struggling against the advancing spiritual era.
6. **SH 451:19-23** Every Christian Scientist, every conscientious teacher of the Science of Mind-healing, knows that human will is not Christian Science, and he must recognize this in order to defend himself from the influence of human will.
7. **SH 132:14-16** The Pharisees of old thrust the spiritual idea and the man who lived it out of their synagogues, and retained their materialistic beliefs about God.
8. **SH 20:6-8** To the ritualistic priest and hypocritical Pharisee Jesus said, "The publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you."
9. **SH 475:11-13** Man is spiritual and perfect; and because he is spiritual and perfect, he must be so understood in Christian Science.
10. **SH 108:1** Whence came to me this heavenly conviction, — a conviction antagonistic to the testimony of the physical senses? According to St. Paul, it was "the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of His power." It was the divine law of Life and Love, unfolding to me the demonstrable fact that matter possesses neither sensation nor life; that human experiences show the falsity of all material things; and that immortal cravings, "the price of learning love," establish the truism that the only sufferer is mortal mind, for the divine Mind cannot suffer.
11. **SH 60:27-28** Science will correct the discord, and teach us life's sweeter harmonies.
12. **SH 362:1-364:15** It is related in the seventh chapter of Luke's Gospel that Jesus was once the honored guest of a certain Pharisee, by name Simon, though he was quite unlike Simon the disciple. While they were at meat, an unusual incident occurred, as if to interrupt the scene of Oriental festivity. A "strange woman" came in. Heedless of the fact that she was debarred from such a place and such society, especially under

the stern rules of rabbinical law, as positively as if she were a Hindoo pariah intruding upon the household of a high-caste Brahman, this woman (Mary Magdalene, as she has since been called) approached Jesus. According to the custom of those days, he reclined on a couch with his head towards the table and his bare feet away from it. It was therefore easy for the Magdalen to come behind the couch and reach his feet. She bore an alabaster jar containing costly and fragrant oil, — sandal oil perhaps, which is in such common use in the East. Breaking the sealed jar, she perfumed Jesus' feet with the oil, wiping them with her long hair, which hung loosely about her shoulders, as was customary with women of her grade.

Did Jesus spurn the woman? Did he repel her adoration? No! He regarded her compassionately. Nor was this all. Knowing what those around him were saying in their hearts, especially his host, — that they were wondering why, being a prophet, the exalted guest did not at once detect the woman's immoral status and bid her depart, — knowing this, Jesus rebuked them with a short story or parable. He described two debtors, one for a large sum and one for a smaller, who were released from their obligations by their common creditor. "Which of them will love him most?" was the Master's question to Simon the Pharisee; and Simon replied, "He to whom he forgave most." Jesus approved the answer, and so brought home the lesson to all, following it with that remarkable declaration to the woman, "Thy sins are forgiven."

Why did he thus summarize her debt to divine Love? Had she repented and reformed, and did his insight detect this unspoken moral uprising? She bathed his feet with her tears before she anointed them with the oil. In the absence of other proofs, was her grief sufficient evidence to warrant the expectation of her repentance, reformation, and growth in wisdom? Certainly there was encouragement in the mere fact that she was showing her affection for a man of undoubted goodness and purity, who has since been rightfully regarded as the best man that ever trod this planet. Her reverence was unfeigned, and it was manifested towards one who was soon, though they knew it not, to lay down his mortal existence in behalf of all sinners, that through his word and works they might be redeemed from sensuality and sin.

Which was the higher tribute to such ineffable affection, the hospitality of the Pharisee or the contrition of the Magdalen? This query Jesus

answered by rebuking self-righteousness and declaring the absolution of the penitent. He even said that this poor woman had done what his rich entertainer had neglected to do, — wash and anoint his guest's feet, a special sign of Oriental courtesy.

13. SH 11:1-11 (Jesus') Jesus' prayer, "Forgive us our debts," specified also the terms of forgiveness. When forgiving the adulterous woman he said, "Go, and sin no more."

A magistrate sometimes remits the penalty, but this may be no moral benefit to the criminal, and at best, it only saves the criminal from one form of punishment. The moral law, which has the right to acquit or condemn, always demands restitution before mortals can "go up higher." Broken law brings penalty in order to compel this progress.

14. SH 5:3-4 Sorrow for wrong-doing is but one step towards reform and the very easiest step.

15. SH 240:21-22 If at present satisfied with wrong-doing, we must learn to loathe it.

16. SH 470:16 The (only, to2nd.) The children of God have but one Mind.

17. SH 380:28-31 Nothing is more disheartening than to believe that there is a power opposite to God, or good, and that God endows this opposing power with strength to be used against Himself, against Life, health, harmony.

18. SH 129:22-24,28 We must look deep into realism instead of accepting only the outward sense of things.

The very name, *illusion*, points to nothingness.

19. SH 179:7 Immortal Mind heals what eye hath not seen; but the spiritual capacity to apprehend thought and to heal by the Truth-power, is won only as man is found, not in self-righteousness, but reflecting the divine nature.

20. SH 453:14 Honesty is spiritual power. Dishonesty is human weakness, which forfeits divine help. You uncover sin, not in order to injure, but in order to bless the corporeal man; and a right motive has its reward. Hidden sin is spiritual wickedness in high places. The masquerader in this Science thanks God that there is no evil, yet serves evil in the name of good.

21. SH 357:5-6,8-9_We sustain Truth, not by accepting, but by rejecting a lie.
Truth creates neither a lie, a capacity to lie, nor a liar.
22. SH 254:12-15 Imperfect mortals grasp the ultimate of spiritual perfection slowly; but to begin aright and to continue the strife of demonstrating the great problem of being, is doing much.
23. SH 464:27-29 Neither dishonesty nor ignorance ever founded, nor can they overthrow a scientific system of ethics.
24. SH 444:31-8 The teacher must make clear to students the Science of healing, especially its ethics, — that all is Mind, and that the Scientist must conform to God’s requirements. Also the teacher must thoroughly fit his students to defend themselves against sin, and to guard against the attacks of the would-be *mental assassin*, who attempts to kill morally and physically. No hypothesis as to the existence of another power should interpose a doubt or fear to hinder the demonstration of Christian Science.
25. SH 30:26-30 If we have triumphed sufficiently over the errors of material sense to allow Soul to hold the control, we shall loathe sin and rebuke it under every mask.
We cannot choose for ourselves, but must work out our salvation in the way Jesus taught. In meekness and might, he was found preaching the gospel to the poor. Pride and fear are unfit to bear the standard of Truth, and God will never place it in such hands.
26. SH 332:9-11 Christ Christ is the true idea voicing good, the divine message from God to men speaking to the human consciousness.
27. SH 398:32-2 (Evil) Evil has no power, no intelligence, for God is good, and therefore good is infinite, is All.
28. SH 340:20 The divine Principle of the First Commandment bases the Science of being, by which man demonstrates health, holiness, and life eternal. One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; constitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfils the Scripture, “Love thy neighbor as thyself;” annihilates pagan and Christian idolatry, — whatever is wrong in social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes; equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed.

29. SH 571:15-18 At all times and under all circumstances, overcome evil with good. Know thyself, and God will supply the wisdom and the occasion for a victory over evil.