Prayer Is the Soul’s Sincere Desire

1. Prayer is the soul’s sincere desire, Unuttered or expressed;
   The motion of a hidden fire That trembles in the breast.
Prayer, the sublimest stains that reach The Majesty on high.
While angels in their songs rejoice And cry, "Behold, he prays!"

2. Prayer is the simplest form of speech That infant lips can try,
   Prayer, the path of prayer, Thyself hast nod: Lord, teach us how to pray!
   His watch-word at the gates of death: He enters heav’n with prayer.
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3. Prayer is the contrite sinner’s voice, Returning from his ways;
   While angels in their songs rejoice And cry, "Behold, he prays!"
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4. Prayer is the Christian’s vital breath, The Christian’s native air,
   The path of prayer, Thyself hast nod: Lord, teach us how to pray!
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5. O Thou, by whom we come to God, The Life, the Truth, the Way,
   The path of prayer, Thyself hast nod: Lord, teach us how to pray!
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