PRAYER IS THE SOUL’S SINCERE DESIRE

1. Prayer is the soul’s sincere desire, Unuttered or expressed;
2. Prayer is the simplest form of speech That infant lips can try;
3. Prayer is the contrite sinner’s voice, Returning from his ways;
4. Prayer is the Christian’s vital breath, The Christian’s native air;
5. O Thou, by whom we come to God, The Life, the Truth, the Way,

The motion of a hidden fire That trembles in the breast.
Prayer, the sublimest strains that reach The Majesty on high.
While angels in their songs rejoice And cry, “Behold, he prays!
His watch-word at the gates of death: He enters heav’n with prayer.
The path of prayer, Thyself hast nod: Lord, teach us how to pray!

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