

Steady Prayer

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Regular and earnest prayer is essential for maintaining spiritual growth and living by our ideal.

Scripture: Luke 18:1, Ephesians 6:18, Philippians 4:6, Colossians 4:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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Description

Mary Wilder Tileston emphasizes the importance of steadfast prayer as a preparation for spiritual battles and dangers, warning against neglecting prayer due to drowsiness or busyness. She highlights the significance of maintaining regular and earnest communication with God, without interruptions or hurriedness, to nurture spiritual growth and live according to our higher ideals.

Transcript

Continuing steadfastly in prayer. ROMANS 12:12 (R. V.)

PRAYER is a preparation for danger, it is the armor for battle. Go not into the dangerous world without it. You kneel down at night to pray and drowsiness weighs down your eyelids. A hard day's work is a kind of excuse, and you shorten your prayer, and resign yourself softly to repose. The morning breaks, and it may be you rise late, and so your early devotions are not done, or done with irregular haste. It is no marvel if that day in which you suffer drowsiness to interfere with prayer be a day on which you betray Him by cowardice and soft shrinking from duty.

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PRAYER to God regular and earnest, never intermittent for any reason, never hurried over for any weariness or for any coldness; this is one chief means of keeping our spiritual growth healthy and alive. If we would live in any degree by that ideal which our better selves sometimes set before us, we must steadily maintain the habit of regular prayer. For whether or not we are conscious of it at the time, there is a calm and unceasing strength which can be thus grafted on our souls, and thus only.

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