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Some of the Immortals on Prayer.

- Dr. Johnson: Asked what was the strongest argument in favor of prayer replied: "Sir, there is no argument for prayer." It does not need one.
- Carlyle: "Prayer is and remains the native and deepest impulse of the soul of man."
- Coleridge: "The act of praying is the very highest energy of which the human mind is capable."
- Francis Thompson: "Prayer is the very sword of the saints."
- Tennyson: "Prayer is like opening a sluice between the great ocean and our little channels, when the sea gathered itself together and flows in at full tide."
- George Meredith: "Who rises from his prayer a better man, his prayer is answered."
- Sir Thomas Browne: "I have resolved to pray more and pray always, to pray in all places where quietness inviteth, in the house, on the highway, and on the street; and to know no street or passage in this city that may not witness that I have not forgotten God."
- Dr. Hyslop of Bethlehem Royal Hospital speaking before the British Medical Association said:
- "As an alienist, and one whose whole life has been concerned with the sufferings of the mind, I would state that of all hygienic measures to counteract disturbed, sleep-distracted spirits, and all the miserable sequences of a distressed mind, I would undoubtedly give the first place to the simple habit of prayer."
- Walter Savage Landor: "Solitude is the ante-chamber of God; only one step more and you can be in His immediate presence."
- Bunyan: "O, the starting holes that the heart hath in the time of prayer! None knows how many bye-ways the heart hath and back lanes to slip away from the presence of God."
- Stanley: "Prayer for patience has enabled me to view my savage (The explorer) opponents....with infinite compassion. Without prayer for it, I doubt that I could have endured the flourish of the spears when they were but half a dozen paces off....Prayer made me stronger, morally and mentally, than any of my non-praying companions. It gave me confidence. It gave me joy and pride in my work, and lifted me hopefully over the one thousand five hundred miles of forest tracks eager to face the day's perils and fatigues."

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