

Devotion/Desire

“O Lord our God, grant us grace
To desire you with our whole heart,
That so desiring we may seek and find you,
and so finding you, may love you,
and loving you, may hate those sins
from which you have redeemed us.”
- Anselm of Canterbury

“O Lord,
never suffer us to think
that we can stand by ourselves,
and not need thee.”
- John Donne

“Withdraw my soul, I pray,
from the absorbing delight of this world,
with its petty aims and ideals,
and open my eyes to the high joys
of my inheritance in Christ.”

“Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen thou me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust thee altogether. O Lord, help me.”
- Martin Luther

“May the strength of God pilot us. May the power of God preserve us. May the wisdom of God instruct us. May the hand of God protect us. May the way of God direct us. May the shield of God defend us.”
- St. Patrick

“Give me a pure heart– that I may see thee,
A humbler heart–that I may hear thee,
A heart of love–that I may serve thee,
A heart of faith–that I may abide in thee.”

- Dag Hammarskjold

“O Father, light up
the small duties of this day’s life:
may they shine
with the beauty of your countenance.
May we believe that glory can dwell
in the commonest task of every day.
- Augustine

“O God, I have tasted Thy goodness, and it has both satisfied me and made me thirsty for more. I am painfully conscious of my need of further grace. I am ashamed of my lack of desire. O God, the Triune God, I want to want Thee; I long to be filled with longing; I thirst to be thirsty still. Show me Thy glory, I pray Thee; that so I may know Thee indeed.”
- A.W. Tozer