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Hymns

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Hymn Lyrics

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Our desire to heed God's calling
Lifts us to a new design,
Outlined by pure inspiration,
Rendered in Love's graceful line.

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When our own plans seem to crumble
Incomplete or ill-defined,
Let us turn to God's creation,
Always perfectly aligned.

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With the model right before us,
Perfect God and perfect man,
Let God's wholeness reign within us,
Let Mind's will perfect our plan.

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Far beyond the bounds of matter,
Unrestrained by fear or time,
All our plans unfold together
In Soul's harmony and rhyme.

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FAY LINN

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CAROL MELODY

14TH CENTURY CAROL

O may we be still and seek Him,
Seek with consecration whole,
Listening thus to hear the message,
Far from sense and hid in Soul.

He hath promised we shall find Him,
Love divine its promise keeps;
God is watching with the watchful,

God is Life that never sleeps.

If we pray to Him in secret,
Lift to Him the heart's desire,
We shall find our earthly longings
All made pure by Love's pure fire.

Then upon the precious metal
God's own image will appear,
Faithfully to Him reflected,
One with Him forever near.

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ENGLISH TRADITIONAL MELODY

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Our God is Love, unchanging Love,
And can we ask for more?
Our prayer for Love's increase is vain;
'Twas infinite before.
Ask not the Lord with breath of praise
For more than we accept;
The open fount is free to all,
God's promises are kept.

Our God is Mind, the perfect Mind,
Intelligence divine;
Shall mortal man ask Him to change
His infinite design?
The heart that yearns for righteousness,
With longing unalloyed,
In such desire sends up a prayer
That ne'er returneth void.

O loving Father, well we know
That words alone are vain,
That those who seek Thy will to do,
The true communion gain.

Then may our deeds our pure desire
For growth in grace express,
That we may know how Love divine
Forever waits to bless.

The Bible

1. Heb. 6:11 we, 12

- 11 we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:
- 12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

2. Ps 23:1

- 1 THE LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

3. Ps. 38:9 (to ;)

- 9 Lord, all my desire *is* before thee;

4. Ps. 37:4

- 4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

5. Deut. 5:1 Moses, 2, 5-7 saying, 21

- 1 Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them.
- 2 The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.
- 5 saying,
- 6 ¶ *I am* the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.
- 7 Thou shalt have none other gods before me.
- 21 Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any *thing* that *is* thy neighbour's.

6. Deut. 7:11, 25

- 11 Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.
- 25 The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold *that is* on them, nor take *it* unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for *it is* an abomination to the LORD thy God.

7. Ps. 40:6-9

- 6 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened:
burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.
- 7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me,
8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law *is* within my heart.
- 9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not
refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.

8. Ps. 27:4

- 4 One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may
dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the
beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

9. Matt 11:25

- 25 ¶ At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of
heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and
prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

10. Matt. 13:17 verily

- 17 verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous *men* have desired
to see *those things* which ye see, and have not seen *them*; and to hear *those*
things which ye hear and have not heard *them*.

11. Luke 11:5-13

- 5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go
unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;
6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set
before him?
- 7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now
shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.
- 8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his
friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as
he needeth.
- 9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
- 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to
him that knocketh it shall be opened.
- 11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a
stone? or if *he ask* a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?
- 12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?
- 13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children:
how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them

that ask him?

12. Mark 11:20-24

- 20 ¶ And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.
- 21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.
- 22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.
- 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.
- 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.

13. Matt. 8:5-10

- 5 ¶ And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,
- 6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.
- 7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.
- 8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.
- 9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this *man*, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *it*.
- 10 When Jesus heard *it*, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

14. Prov. 11:23 (to :)

- 23 The desire of the righteous *is* only good:

15. Ps. 51:6 (to :)

- 6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts:

16. Col. 1:9, 10

- 9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;
- 10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

17. Eph. 3:13-19 I

- 13 I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.
14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;
17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;
19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

18. Ps. 145:9 (to :), 16

- 9 The LORD *is* good to all:
16 Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

1. SH 1:11

- Desire is prayer; and no loss can occur from
12 trusting God with our desires, that they may be moulded and exalted before they take form in words and in deeds.

2. SH 426:8-9

- When the desti-
9 nation is desirable, expectation speeds our progress.

3. SH 2:4-11, 28

- Are we benefited by praying? Yes,
the desire which goes forth hungering after righteous-
6 ness is blessed of our Father, and it does not return unto us void.

- God is not moved by the breath of praise to do more
9 than He has already done, nor can the infinite do less than bestow all good, since He is unchang-
ing wisdom and Love.

- The unspoken desire
does bring us nearer the source of all existence and
30 blessedness.

4. SH 3:12-16

- 13 The Divine Being must be reflected by man, — else man is not the image and likeness of the patient,

Deity
unchangeable

tender, and true, the One “altogether lovely;” but to understand God is the work of eternity, and demands absolute consecration of thought, energy, and desire.

5. SH 4:3-22

3 What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds. To keep the com-

6 mandments of our Master and follow his example, is our proper debt to him and the only worthy evidence of our gratitude for all that he has

9 done. Outward worship is not of itself sufficient to express loyal and heartfelt gratitude, since he has said: “If ye love me, keep my commandments.”

Efficacious
petitions

12 The habitual struggle to be always good is unceasing prayer. Its motives are made manifest in the blessings they bring, — blessings which, even if not

15 acknowledged in audible words, attest our worthiness to be partakers of Love.

Simply asking that we may love God will never

18 make us love Him; but the longing to be better and holier, expressed in daily watchfulness and in striving to assimilate more of

21 the divine character, will mould and fashion us anew, until we awake in His likeness.

Watchfulness
requisite

6. SH 9:32-6

Consistent prayer is the desire to do right.

10:1 Prayer means that we desire to walk and will walk in the light so far as we receive it, even though with bleeding footsteps, and that waiting patiently on the Lord,

3 we will leave our real desires to be rewarded by Him.

The world must grow to the spiritual understanding

6 of prayer.

7. SH 10:26-32

The Scrip-

27 tures say: “Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.” That which we desire and for which we ask, it is not always

30 best for us to receive. In this case infinite Love will not grant the request. Do you ask wisdom to be merciful and not to punish sin? Then “ye ask amiss.”

8. SH 407:17-20

Let the slave of wrong desire learn the lessons of Christian Science, and he will get the better of that desire,

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and ascend a degree in the scale of health, happiness,
and existence.

9. SH 11:22-32

21 We know that a desire for holiness is
requisite in order to gain holiness; but if we
24 desire holiness above all else, we shall sac-
rifice everything for it. We must be willing to do this,
that we may walk securely in the only practical road
27 to holiness. Prayer cannot change the unalterable
Truth, nor can prayer alone give us an understanding
of Truth; but prayer, coupled with a fervent habitual
30 desire to know and do the will of God, will bring us
into all Truth. Such a desire has little need of audible
expression. It is best expressed in thought and in life.

Desire for
holiness

10. SH 13:12

Can the mere public expression of our de-
sires increase them? Do we gain the omnipotent ear
sooner by words than by thoughts? Even if prayer is
15 sincere, God knows our need before we tell Him or our
fellow-beings about it. If we cherish the desire hon-
estly and silently and humbly, God will bless it, and
18 we shall incur less risk of overwhelming our real
wishes with a torrent of words.

11. SH 15:14-22

In order to pray aright, we must enter into the
15 closet and shut the door. We must close the lips and
silence the material senses. In the quiet
sanctuary of earnest longings, we must
18 deny sin and plead God's allness. We must resolve to
take up the cross, and go forth with honest hearts to
work and watch for wisdom, Truth, and Love. We
21 must "pray without ceasing." Such prayer is an-
swered, in so far as we put our desires into practice.

Effectual
invocation

12. SH 234:27

Jesus
declared that to look with desire on forbidden objects was
to break a moral precept. He laid great stress on the
30 action of the human mind, unseen to the senses.

13. SH 445:13-15

Teach the meekness and might of life
"hid with Christ in God," and there will be no desire for
15 other healing methods.

14. SH 257:24-27

Who hath found finite life
or love sufficient to meet the demands of human
want and woe, — to still the desires, to satisfy the aspira-
27 tions?

15. SH 265:23

Who that has felt the loss of human peace has not gained
24 stronger desires for spiritual joy? The aspiration after
heavenly good comes even before we discover
what belongs to wisdom and Love. The loss
27 of earthly hopes and pleasures brightens the ascending
path of many a heart. The pains of sense quickly inform
us that the pleasures of sense are mortal and that joy is
30 spiritual.

Blessings from
pain

16. SH 407:11

Here Christian
12 Science is the sovereign panacea, giving strength to the
weakness of mortal mind, — strength from the immortal
and omnipotent Mind, — and lifting humanity above
15 itself into purer desires, even into spiritual power and
good-will to man.