

# A Day of Prayer

A090 Sunday Address 7th September 1941 St Mary Abbots Place, London Reopening Service after Summer recess

*The text of this address is as issued in the magazine Angelus after it was given, apart from correction of errors*

*Text: from Angelus, October 1941*

*Context: autumn reopening service coinciding with a national day of prayer*

*General Notes: White Eagle reiterates yet again that the real war is not against nations but against materialism. Taking his cue from Jesus's words about prayer in the Sermon on the Mount, White Eagle here offers perhaps the fullest account of 'How to pray' that he ever gave, with a full commentary on the words of the Lord's Prayer.*

*References: 'When you pray, pray in secret' is loosely from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6 : 6) and the whole address is a commentary on that section in Matthew. 'As you sow, so shall you reap' comes from Galatians, 6 : 7.*

## White Eagle's Address:

Beloved children, we come as a messenger from the realms beyond. White Eagle is only the mouthpiece to convey the message from the great Brotherhood of Light – a message from those who have passed through trial, sorrow and suffering and to whom you may look for true guidance and comradeship

This is a day is a Day of Prayer – a mighty day of power which you may all feel. The hosts invisible are gathered around the Sun, the star of Christ. They come very close today because the people, the simple people, God's children, open their hearts in prayer. Millions are praying, and there are many varying degrees of prayer. A little child may open its heart to its fullest and in that childlike act of prayer be filled with joy and happiness and thus be able to radiate love and joy to a wide circle of people. The heart of the grown man or woman may be nearly closed to God, but the light, poor through it may be, goes forth, and by this very fact it draws to itself the radiance of the heavens. There are many whose hearts are thus nearly closed because the mind prohibits the heart. Cold season, self-justification, keeps the heart tightly bound; but any spark of life divine residing in the heart is bound to show forth its little light when the soul kneels to pray.

The text of our talk is 'Love'. Let us pray for faith so that we may love, that we may ourselves be loved and that we may stand firm for love when the hearts of others harden. This is the message of heaven to you and to all earthly people. Pray for love; pray for victory, not over other nations, but over the lower self and that darkness which can obliterate love.

Prayer is a dynamic force which people use unconsciously either for good or evil. Prayer is the setting into action of a divine law. When a soul prays, no matter for what, it is like a man set down in a great powerhouse; and unless that man has knowledge of electricity, he is liable to pull the wrong switches and cause chaos.

Prayer is a dynamic force. Not many people use that force for good. Not many people. Prayer to most means the mere repetition of words. True words have a significance and a power. By use of certain mantrams, or words of power, sounds create a vibration in the ether. Sounds

## A Day of Prayer

A090 Sunday Address 7th September 1941 St Mary Abbots Place, London Reopening  
Service after Summer recess

produce colour in the ether and colour has an influence upon the auras of all men. Prayers can be seen and are frequently seen by spirit people. People in the flesh may at times clairvoyantly witness prayer. But prayer – to have a good and shall we say, miraculous effect upon physical and material conditions – must proceed from the heart.

So, beloved brothers, when we pray we must obey our Lord and Teacher who said, ‘when ye pray, pray in secret’; enter the inner chamber, the innermost of your being and close the door against all noise and clamour of the world and against the outer mind. Enter the innermost and pray in secret. What does this mean? As we interpret, it means to hold communion with our Creator, with our Father–Mother God. The instant we enter the innermost closet we are at one with our Father–Mother God; the Trinity is complete; Father – Mother Child; we are the child. The great mystery of life. Nothing now stands between us and our Father–Mother God; instantly we make the contact we know that all is good –we know that all is love. All earthly mist vanishes. We have no need to argue in our little mind to justify ourselves for this, that or the other. We do not think about what this man or that man should do. We are alone with God in the Divine power house of life.

We pray: ‘Our Father–Mother God which art in Heaven, which art all harmony, Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven’ ... Thy will be done in and through Thy creation; Thy will, Father–Mother God, be done in our earthly temple, in our earthly habitation; let nothing in us prevent the full outflow of Thy will being done in this Thy Kingdom, because Thou, O Father–Mother God, art our Creator. We are thus putting ourselves into direct contact with the forces of God. We are praying that God’s will be done and the kingdom of God be recognised on earth.

This means more than you perhaps realise. The laws of life are not the laws of man, but laid down by God when God created the earth and all its creatures. The Creator formed, founded, certain laws upon which Creation is built; man has to learn in the course of his spiritual evolution to understand and to construct all earthly laws upon the foundation of the divine laws of being. This is what it means to pray for the establishment of God’s kingdom on earth.

One of the foundation laws the beloved Christ has already given. ‘Love one another’. In these words He re-stated this basic law – Love. We who lived many thousands of years before the Master Jesus, the Christ, had already received that divine law from the Sons of God, from the Angelic hierarchs who were then manifesting on earth in bodies which were seen by all White Brothers. But humanity, still on its descent had yet to reach the lowest point. At that time there came another revelation, the last. God sent His only-begotten Son to earth to re-state the Ancient Wisdom in the simplest form.

What do we mean by God’s only-begotten Son? We mean that manifestation of the divine in humanity expressed in glory, beauty and truth, through the Lord Christ, the perfect and divine man. God’s Son! All men are sons of God, but do not act thus! Think. Meditate long upon this.

## A Day of Prayer

A090 Sunday Address 7th September 1941 St Mary Abbots Place, London Reopening  
Service after Summer recess

Until men and women love like God's children, they do not obey the law of the Kingdom. Yet there are millions who pray, every Sunday at least, 'Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven'. It is no excuse to plead that we are only human. We are both human and divine. Let us not forget.

Let us pray that this day God will give us the Bread of Life – the bread which also can nourish the body of Christ within each man. Give us this day – and daily – Thy bread, Thy sustenance; that this Christ in man may be sustained and nourished.

'Forgive us our debts as we forgive those who are our debtors.' This is clearly a definition of the law of Karma. Forgive us in accordance with the manner in which we forgive, or discharge, our full Karma. How can God break His own law of eternal life, the law of Karma? As ye sow so ye shall surely reap. As you inflict pain and suffering on any living thing so shall that same pain and suffering be inflicted on you; in the process of evolution you must inevitably pass through that very anguish. When you understand the Law of Love you are able to see, to feel the extent of the suffering which in ignorance or wilfulness you have inflicted on another. You may plead, 'but I did not understand?' Does the law of your land excuse ignorance? No. The ignorant man has to suffer his due punishment. But if in the spiritual law, through ignorance, you sin, the suffering which comes as the result of your ignorance, will bring you wisdom: And so you will be forgiven as you forgive.

Lead us not into temptation; lead us, Father–Mother God, along the path of love; may we not wilfully choose the path of selfishness and suffering. Let us not encounter the great enemies. Lead us not into temptation. We may elect to stray, to fall through temptation into sin; but let us rather pray that God will lead us in His great mercy through the path of joy, thanksgiving, truth and happiness to the fullness of life. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us, Father–Mother God, from the evil of inevitable suffering that will be the outcome. Let us realise Thou art the light and the glory; Thou are the life. Deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom – Thine is the power. Within Thy will, Thy heart, Thy love lies the power over all things, and the glory of life, for ever and for ever, Amen.

This, beloved ones, is our prayer. May we all unite in prayer. Let us pray for faith to stand by the power of love and goodwill on earth, even when all men's hearts are hardened and when men say force is the only way. Let us have faith, O God, to stand on the side of love. This day the light from Heaven shines upon men and although as the result of this baptism there is likely to be storm and struggle, you unite with the great White Army both on earth and in Heaven; with those men and women who live and breathe and have their being with the heart of God, and who know that love will be victorious; who know that the more recruits flock to the army of love, the nearer victory over the lower self and the forces of darkness. With one accord we call upon you, here and now, to unite in prayer, to enter the secret innermost place and pray to our Father–Mother God for love and peace on earth for good will. Breathe in God's love; breath out to the last breath God's love upon man. We thank Thee, Father-Mother God, for the blessing of Prayer and the light which we see now springing from the hearts of the common people through the world.

## A Day of Prayer

A090 Sunday Address 7th September 1941 St Mary Abbots Place, London Reopening  
Service after Summer recess

We thank Thee, we praise Thee; may we so live as to glorify the creation. Amen.

*The search matches with either words and phrases, which appear in the text, or the following 'key' words and phrases, which are similar in meaning to those in the document:*

*joining together, communities, prayer groups, thanksgiving, power of words, thought power, compassion, worship, belief, affirmations, communion, spiritual law, cause and effect*

