

Monday, January 20

*I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. S. JOHN v, 30.*

OUR divisions arose, and are being perpetuated, by the pride and diversity and instability of the human will. Finite man has undertaken to delimit the relation of God to the world and, in the pride of his self-opinion, has dared to act as if to him had been entrusted the whole counsel of the Almighty, and as if God were shut in to this or that particular means for the salvation of the world. Hence we have sought our own will, not God's, and our prayers for unity are too often, in substance, only that God will bring the world to agree with us.

Prayer is not to bend God's will to ours, but to bring our wills into harmony with His, and we can pray only that God will manifest to us the unity He wills and give us grace to follow it.

*Let us pray:*

That God's will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

That we may have grace to surrender our pride of self-opinion.