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PRAYER FOR THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

To honour the Holy Spirit is essential to the real strength and usefulness of every Church. That Divine Agent produces all the results which constitute life and health and vigour in religious experience. A full equipment of means may be in existence, yet without the power of God these means are ineffectual to produce the high ends of conversion to God and progress in grace. A pentecostal season is felt to be a crying need throughout all our borders. We need, an earnest spirit, rising to a high conception of the great work of redeemed souls in honouring Christ, to rebuke all heartlessness in the solemn duties of religion. We need impressions of eternal things to be deepened on our spirits, that all dependence on mere forms may be swept away, and the soul entirely rely on a bleeding Saviour, seen by faith. We need, a piety deriving its vigour from the teachings of the Spirit, brought home through the incorruptible word, that will stand with undaunted front before folly and fanaticism, that will dethrone the lofty pretensions of a deified human reason, and exhale the pestilent fogs of error and sin. We need, a vigorous hand to push aside all plausibilities of temptation and suggestions of expediency. We need, a consistency of life that will put to silence the ignorance of foolish men and warn the lukewarm and worldly-minded professor. Can our help come from any but God? We may boldly say, the Lord is our helper. We rejoice therefore in the invitation to prayer once more put forth, that on the SECOND SABBATH OF NOVEMBER the Churches unite in specially imploring the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our land. In former years, blessed results followed the engagement. One brother, at the Union meeting in Kingston, expressed his gratitude that such a day had been set apart, for it proved the beginning of a gracious work enjoyed during winter among his people. Many we hope will be able to bear a similar testimony from the hallowed and blessed observance of this day of special prayer in 1861. Our brethren will permit us to remark, that meditation on some of the leading texts of Scripture, bearing on the work of the Spirit, may have a good effect in preparing the way, and filling our mouths with arguments in approaching the throne of grace. Such passages as Isaiah xlv. 3-5; Ezekiel xxxvi. 25-27; Joel ii. 28-32; Luke xi. 13; John iii 3-5; xiv. 26; xvi. 7-14; Acts ii; Romans xv. 13; 1 Corinthians vi. 11; Titus iii. 4-7; 1 Pet. i. 22, 23; and 1 John iv. 13; abundantly show the vast importance of the Spirit's operations on the hearts of men, and cannot fail, if solemnly weighed, to call forth our ardent solicitude for His divine quickening.