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The poverty of modern Christian life will never be cured until a far greater portion of time, until a far greater earnestness is put into the hard and happy work of praying. It is instructive to read in the Life of Frederick Maurice how he would often be engaged in prayer all the night through; and if everything were known, it would be found that all Christians who have made a deep mark have sought and found the Lord in a like manner. To live in the atmosphere of prayer is to live in the atmosphere of miracle, in the atmosphere of the New Testament, and it is in this way, and in this way only, that faith in the Divine manifestation is kept alive and burning. When the strength, the joy, the peace, and the power of the Christian Church are unimpaired, it is because her ministers and her people are proving that