

From being Saul the persecutor, it was thus shown he had become Paul the saint. However, after that event, his life was one of prayer, as well as heroic labor; of prayer for himself, for his countrymen, for the Gentile world, for the blood-bought church. However, more intense, sublimer aspirations probably never ascended from a soul on this side heaven.

*Our Lord Jesus Christ did.* This is a most impressive truth. It ought to be pondered by all who do not pray. The Saviour was perfect. He was Divine. He sustained no relations of dependence. He had no sins to be forgiven. There were in Him no evil passions to be subdued. He was subject to no temptation that He could not resist. He was assailed by no enemy whom He could not conquer. He had life in Himself. He had creative power. He had infinite merit. But He prayed. He prayed in earnest, and with His disciples.

"Cold mountains and the midnight air  
Witness'd the terror of His prayer."

Yes; David, Daniel, St. Paul, our Lord Jesus Christ, all prayed. The prophets and the saints were men of prayer. Even God, made man, prayed for you. Do you pray?

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## Poetry.

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TO MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE COUNTRY.

Happy soon we'll meet again,  
Free from sorrow, care, and pain;  
Soon again we'll rise with dawn,  
To roam the verdant, dewy lawn;  
Soon the budding leaves we'll hail,  
Or wander through the well-known vale;  
Or weave the smiling wreath of flowers;  
And sport away the light-wing'd hours.  
Soon we'll run the agile race;  
Soon, dear playmates, we'll embrace;  
Through the wheat-field or the grove,  
We'll hand in hand delighted rove;  
Or, beneath some spreading oak,  
Ponder the instructive book;  
Or view the ships that swiftly glide,  
Floating on the peaceful tide;