

not only asking, but the holy praise of God, intercession for all estates of men, thanksgiving for benefits received, confession of sin and supplication for pardon, as well as asking for the supply of our wants. All these go to make up prayer.

Of course, I do not propose to expound the Lord's Prayer today, but, there is one feature in it to which I desire to direct your most careful attention—it teaches us *reverence in prayer*.

Now, young Christians, you must remember that public prayer is *prayer*, yes, and even more solemn and awful than private prayer. I fear that there is many a Christian to be found who allows himself in habits at Church in time of prayer, that he would shudder at in himself in private prayer. And yet the prayers of the Church which we come here to offer to God, are far the more important of the two in God's sight, as we are assured in His Holy Word. We come here to worship God,—to join in worshipping Him, to offer to Him the tribute of our united homage, and unitedly to ask of Him the blessings we all need. Even in private, indeed, we do not pray as individuals, but as members of the One Body of Christ, for we say "*Our Father—give us.*" But in public, we see, we feel, we *taste* the Communion of Saints, we help one another here, we vie with one another in earnestness, in zeal, in devotion, in reverence, in attention; we catch the glow of the holy fire of the love of God that burns in one another's eye and glows out from the whole person! Is it not so?

My Brethren, *Is it so?* Is it these helps to devotion that we find in the House of God? It is, thank God, in part. I hope it is growing to be more and more a