

defined life as "the continuous adjustment of internal relations with external relations," that is to say, an organism's correspondence with its environment, and this is a good definition of life in the concrete. The spiritual man, putting off the old man with his works and putting on the new, opens up a correspondence with a new environment, yea, with Life itself—with the Eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. What is prayer but the very act and exercise of this correspondence? If the correspondence cease, will not the life cease, too?

God is the sun of our souls. As the visible sun sheds its light and warmth, which are part and parcel of itself, upon the earth, and furnishes the things that live with the aliment of life, so God sheds His light and warmth upon the world of spirits, and makes them live. His Light is His Son, "the true Light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world" (John 1:9); His warmth is His Spirit, the living Love of the Father and the Son. God's light is knowledge, His warmth is love. But while the sun that shares its light and warmth with the visible world is itself far off in space, the Sun of our souls is not, as the Apostle tells us, "far from every one of us; for in Him we live, and move, and are" (Acts 17:27.) We live in Him inasmuch as we know and love Him; He lives in us inasmuch as He knows and loves us: for mutual is the knowing and the loving in which the new life of God in us consists. And as the windows of a house are thrown open to admit freely the fresh air and the light: as the flower turns toward the sun and unfolds itself to the life-giving rays of that beneficent luminary, so must the windows of the soul be thrown open to admit the Light and Life of God; so must man turn to God in prayer if he would live.

Great and vital, then, is the need of prayer; as great its efficacy.

"More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of."

Over and over again in Holy Writ God pledges Himself to hear our prayers. "He shall cry to Me, and I will hear him" (Ps. 101:15). "Thou shalt pray to Him, and He will hear thee" (Job 22:27). "Cry to Me and I will hear thee" (Jer. 33:3). "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee" (Ps. 118:15). "As they are yet speaking, I will hear" (Is. 65:24). And Jesus Christ, in the New Covenant with men, gives His solemn assurance in comprehensive fashion thus: "All things whatsoever