

The sort of prayer against which I am helpless is the prayer of definiteness of purpose.

*Q* I never thought of definiteness of purpose as being a prayer. How can it be?

*A* Definiteness is in effect the only sort of prayer upon which one can rely. It places one in the way of using hypnotic rhythm to attain definite ends . . . by the mere act of appropriating it from the great universal storehouse of Infinite Intelligence. The appropriation, in case you are interested, takes place through definiteness of purpose, persistently pursued!

*Q* Why do the majority of prayers fail?

*A* They don't. All prayers bring that for which one prays.

*Q* But you just said that definiteness of purpose is the only sort of prayer upon which one can rely. Now you say that all prayers bring results. What do you mean?

*A* There is nothing inconsistent about it. The majority of people who pray go to prayer only after everything else fails them. Naturally they go with their minds filled with fear that the prayers will not be answered. Well, their fears are realized.

The person who goes to prayer with definiteness of purpose and faith in the attainment of that purpose puts into motion the laws of nature which transmute one's dominating desires into their physical equivalent. That is all there is to prayer.

One form of prayer is negative and brings only negative results. One form is positive and brings definite, positive results. Could anything be more simple?

People who whine and beg God to assume responsibility