

LORD, teach us how to pray aright,
With reverence and with fear;
Though dust and ashes in Thy sight,
We may, we must draw near.

- 2 Burdened with guilt, convinced of sin,
In weakness, want and woe,
Fightings without, and fear within;
Lord, whither shall we go?
- 3 God of all grace, we come to Thee
With broken, contrite hearts;
Give what Thine eye delights to see:
Truth in the inward parts.
- 4 Give deep humility; the sense
Of godly sorrow give;
A strong desiring confidence
To hear Thy voice and live.
- 5 Faith in the only sacrifice
That can for sin atone;
To cast our hopes, to fix our eyes,
On Christ, on Christ alone.
- 6 Give these, and then Thy will be done;
Thus strengthened with Thy might,
We by Thy Spirit and Thy Son
Shall pray, and pray aright.

James Montgomery, 1771-1854