

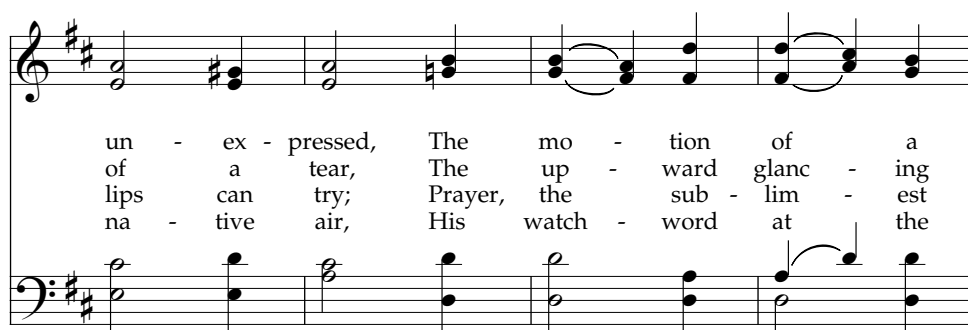
Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire

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1. Prayer is the soul's sin - cere de - sire, Ut - tered or
 2. Prayer is the bur - den of a sigh, The fall - ing
 3. Prayer is the sim - plest form of speech That in - fant
 4. Prayer is the Chris - tian's vi - tal breath, The Chris - tian's



un - ex - pressed, The mo - tion of a
 of a tear, The up - ward glance
 lips can try; Prayer, the sub - lim - ing
 na - tive air, His watch - word at the



hid - den fire That trem - bles in the breast.
 of an eye When none but God is near.
 strains that reach The Maj - es - ty on high.
 gates of death; He en - ters heav'n with prayer.

5. Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,
 Returning from his ways,
 While angels in their songs rejoice
 And cry, "Behold, he prays!"
6. The Saints in prayer appear as one
 In word and deed and mind,
 While with the Father and the Son
 Their fellowship they find.

7. Nor prayer is made on earth alone:
 The Holy Spirit pleads,
 And Jesus at the Father's throne
 For sinners intercedes.
8. O thou by whom we come to God,
 The Life, the Truth, the Way!
 The path of prayer thyself hast trod;
 Lord, teach us how to pray.