

SPIRITICITY, May 1945

A PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

When the representatives of nations meet, may they be inspired of God to take into their councils the fundamentals of Peace. May they enter each session fortified by inner spiritual communion, each man with his own Lord. "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

May the dominant determination be to do the will of the Creator of Good, and to finish His work; for, when the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man are recognized, then will the decisions of men and their treaties of Peace be vital and enduring. If men would praise the Name of the Lord, they would find Him competent to draw up treaties and covenants based upon the fundamental rights of all people created to dwell in a unified society of nations under Grace.

Let not the victors be inflated with the false glory of war or nation: let not the persecuted go with thought of revenge and retribution. But let all go with a determination to rise to and carry through this great opportunity to meet as brothers, the sons of One Creator.

The nations cannot honor those who have been sacrificed to national greed, power, or pride. They have their reward. The generals and strategists have their glory. In this convention of nations, let men give glory where glory is due.

May future monuments of Victory be raised to the ideal of Peace. Let each nation erect a memorial to the Unknown God, to remind man that never again will he humiliate himself by having to build a tomb to an Unknown Soldier. Let every country raise its pillar of PEACE to symbolize the high aspiration in the hearts of all who have sacrificed life for liberty; the PEACE that IS Power that extinguishes war Now and Forever. Amen.

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THE MINISTRY OF GOD

In this month of MAY we celebrate as a nation one day in honor of all the beloved women who are called Mother. Every child, be he son or daughter, young or old, recalls his relationship to the one woman to whom he owes the opportunity to live in this world. She not only permitted her offspring to grow a body within herself, but after birth guarded and guided every step of the way through childhood toward maturity.

Her precepts, indelibly imprinted upon the hearts of her children, are as beacon lights along the path of life and fortunate are they who appreciate her love so gently and so freely given. The tenderness with which she fulfilled the tiny, as well as immense wants of her beloved children is comparable to and very like the Supreme Spirit overbrooding and giving succor to mankind any and all times.

When she bent over you as a babe in the cradle, or even now commands you as man or woman of the world you can feel, if you will, the strength of her goodness toward you. And if you look deep, you can see her purpose ever determined that you, her beloved child, should have the best she and the world had to offer.

Her prayers are like soft robes which, drawing close, offer protection from snares and defeats. Her kindness touches the pillow where her child's head rests, and her voice is the sweet chord of peace that fills the heart in time of distress and need.

Two mothers of our Scriptures are particularly outstanding. Hannah, the mother of Samuel, in the Old Testament, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, in the New. Their consecration to God, and their earnestness in prayer, established them in divine grace and favor. They were able to hear the inner voice of Spirit and to perceive the truth.

Hannah longed for a son and poured out her heart before the Eternal. When her prayer was fulfilled, she forgot not her promise to lend him to the LORD. She placed him with Eli, the priest at Shiloh. Year by year she visited her son at the time of sacrifice, bringing with her a little coat.

In our mind's eye we can see her love and devotion; how she spun the wool into thread, wove the cloth, dyed it some bright color perhaps, and made it into a garment, a little bigger each year as her boy grew in size. She was content to release him to serve the LORD while she held him in her love; this, no doubt, was the factor that made him great in spiritual understanding.

In our Christian tradition, Jesus consecrated himself in service to God. While his mother kept him at home with her, she undoubtedly encouraged her son in his search for an understanding of God, for he appears quite comfortable talking with the teachers in the temple, listening to them and asking them questions, till all his hearers were amazed at the intelligence of his own answers. Only a son whose mother cooperated with him could be thus free. And when he answered her query with, Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? she kept this and other of his sayings in her heart.

Later, when he attained his majority and left the shelter of his mother's house, she was content to follow him from place to place, as opportunity afforded. Her trust in his divine mission, and acquiescence to its demands, certainly aided him in attainment. She gave him the freedom he needed for growth and expansion in ministry, while adoring him from the outskirts of his activities.

In spiritual symbology, woman represents the soul qualities, the inner affectional nature, or Love. She is the ministry of God, the Holy Spirit, who forgives those who know the uplifting presence of God the Father. Descriptives of God open the gateway for her ministry. When you tell the truth about God, she enters in with new life-quickenings which, streaming forth from your soul, manifest as abundant health in your body and in the bodies of others around you. Her strength revives your energies and her support knows no struggle against odds. She shelters you; she is the wing of defense and protection.

She will help you to think high thoughts tinged with grandeur to manifest as words spoken with exalted dignity, full of healing balm and swift, orderly inspiration. She will refine your voice with melodious songs of goodness and

great joy. She will make you beautiful and skilful so that you will be able to smile hate into peace, lack into plenty, sorrow into happiness, and unrest into glad activity.

God IS Good. The Spirit of God is Love, tender and omnipotent, quickening hope into miraculous fulfillment. Describe the Father in all his glory, excellence, majesty, and holiness and you will rejoice in the Mother-Presence smoothing your life-path with calm and contentment.

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Dear Friend:

In looking among my papers, I found a most interesting letter which was written to me in the year 1929 by a friend who was a resident of Nice, France. His questions are those of every student entering the portals to a new understanding of his relationship to God and to mankind.

Years of seeking in the world dim the Light and the way darkens as a man slips into the state known as old age. Instead, the pathway should gleam with increased understanding and love of God in the heart. But men seek knowledge rather than God. Their love is centered in things material and mental when it should be centered in God all the days of their life.

Students sometimes argue about the lateness of their entry into truth; but, I contend that the moment the attention is drawn and held to the new way of life, a person is reborn and can begin right where he is to build his consciousness of God and His Good. Truth is never too late. The moment a person consciously awakens to its presence is the fullness of time for him. He should rejoice, take heart, and press on with all his might toward the high call of Christ. Obedience is the first step.

You might be interested in this letter and you might cope with the questions, which my friend actually answers in one paragraph, though he does not realize it.

"My dear friend in the Divine Life, Mrs. Truesdell:

"I felt much of the Spirit you would like to instill in me by your loving and spiritual letter of 24th August 1929. At times I could almost imagine myself also arrived at that harmonious and happy state you describe as the Kingdom of God.

"Being so old and incrusted from birth in the old theology and views of life of nearly a century ago, it is like moral suicide to put away a scientific and solid view of life and its meaning to adopt views so opposite to what seems truth to me as your new impression of Jesus Christ's life and doctrine. Yet I see one must do this violence to one's own sincerity and sentiment to adopt whole-heartedly your beautiful teachings.

"At your beautiful age of 30 and with a husband of nearly your youthful age, it is difficult to put yourselves into the age and sentiments of a man of 93, widowed 13 years ago, and left childless and alone in France far from his native England, whose climate in winter would ill suit old age.

"Sometimes I forget for a moment that I am old, and look onward as if life would never end. The old struggle between flesh and Spirit!

"But all this you will think is not the subject in hand. The real thing is to have a happy life - always happy, such as you tell me you and your husband have entered into and which is the Kingdom of Heaven in us.

"Tell me dear lady - how to find that interior Kingdom, that pearl of price which the wise seeker would sell all to possess. Do you never have doubts, troubles, difficulties, fatigues, anxieties? Or are you so occupied with conveying to others the knowledge of that blessed life, that such becomes your delightful business, never ending and always productive, while procuring for you and the neighbor or neighbors, plenty of all things spiritual and material to render life a rich perfection?

"Perhaps I am asking you too much? Perhaps I am all this time seeking the wrong pearl, or seeking it in the wrong way?

"Tell me all this, my child of 30; tell the almost centenarian scientist whose habits of thought are apt to break rather than bend into a new direction, and who feels like a brazen liar if he declares his purity and rectitude, his power and love before the Perfect and All-Mighty One we worship and whom Jesus acknowledged as the only Good, when a bystander addressed him as, Good Master.

"Put yourself, my kind young friend, in my place at 93! Jesus took babes in his arms some 19 centuries ago and said that the worldly-wise questioners around him must become such in simplicity before they could enter the Kingdom he preached. Must I not become a child likewise in mind?

"I am quite in agreement with your loving letter as to the absolute necessity of arriving at the consciousness of the Interior Christ and Its workings in the soul. But here comes the difficulty: Truth teachings say, like you, that I must identify myself with that Christ and through that consciousness claim all the divine virtues and powers. Now the old theology born into me tells me that such a supposition and claim would be a kind of blasphemy against God the Father who alone is holy and omnipotent, as is his incarnated Son Jesus, the Lamb of God.

"True, there may come a favorable turn one day when I can really dismiss all the past and its reasonings, and when I may suddenly begin again. Or perhaps my loving correspondent whose kind letter tells me she has had success with others may help to let in the Light to an old student such as I.

"Goodbye, dear child of God: pray also for me as I do for you and your husband who have arrived at the happy state where the "Joy of the Lord" is realized on earth. Thanking you ever more for your long loving and Christian letter which I keep as precious, I am, Yours, etc., M. Avoncourt, Nice, France."

The mists and miasma of human reasoning do indeed becloud the consciousness. In our practice of the truth, if negations arise, we meet them with denials, for they have no reality except in our own consciousness. They are the nothing that appear to be something. If the attention of the mind is lifted persistently away from them and set toward the Heights, they disappear completely, leaving no trail.

Most persons fear to look up toward God. Rather, they bow their heads in passive submission - not to God, but to the circumstances beating about them,

hoping against hope that God will interfere in some miraculous manner. We must realize that if we want deliverance we must be diligent toward God, magnify Him, look to Him.

We must train our faculties to ignore the appearance, real as it seems, and proclaim the power, presence, and love of God in our behalf. Instead, we revel in suffering, thinking it is God's way and will to test us. If this be a test, it is a judgment against us if we do less than lift our vision higher. We are not to bear suffering with fortitude; we are to overcome suffering by consort with Him whose eye is too pure to behold iniquity! Hundreds of people are doing it, why not we?

The enticements based in world-reasonings are a snare and a delusion. Their end is zero. It is about time we dared lift our vision Godward, as Jesus did, and prove our Christhood through which we are Sons of the Father.

The CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE blesses you, in His Name,

Lovingly yours,

Nell Truesdell

Alphabet Of
DAILY MEDITATIONS
For Every Week Day Of The Month.

MAY 1945

1. The Lord shall ARISE upon thee.
2. Shine as the BRIGHTNESS of the firmament.
3. Know the CERTAINTY of the words of Truth.
4. I say unto you, I am the DOOR of the sheep.
5. Let all things be done unto EDIFYING.

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7. Christ may dwell in your hearts by FAITH.
8. There is none GOOD but One, that is GOD.
9. All men shall HONOR the Son.
10. I have walked IN mine INTEGRITY.
11. He is near that JUSTIFIETH thee.
12. Receive the grace of God ... by KNOWLEDGE ... by KINDNESS.

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14. I have LED thee in right paths.
15. To be spiritually MINDED is life and peace.
16. It was NECESSARY that the word of God should first to have been spoken to you.
17. OBSERVE thou that which I command thee.
18. We are made PARTAKERS of Christ.
19. When he giveth QUIETNESS, who then can make trouble?

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21. His RIGHTEOUSNESS endureth forever.
22. The Lord is my STRENGTH and SONG.
23. All THINGS come of THEE.
24. Thou ... hast pleasure in UPRIGHTNESS.
25. By Him were all things created ... VISIBLE and invisible.
26. They shall WALK, O Lord, in the Light.

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28. YET not I, but Christ liveth in me.
29. He was ZEALOUS for my sake.
30. Love the Lord your God.
31. Bear witness of Me.

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To know good words is not enough. We must make it our habit to use them in all conversations, and in all quiet reflections. Keep the statement each morning, and you will rejoice at the improved state of your thoughts in a short time. We are with you daily.