

And now, there in His presence, simply begin to repeat the Lord's Prayer. Begin with the word, "Father." As you do, let the full meaning of that word deeply touch your heart. Believe that the God who lives inside you is indeed so willing to be your Father. Pour out your heart to Him as a little child pours out his heart to his father. Never doubt your Lord's deep love for you. Never doubt His desire to hear you. Call on His name and remain before Him silently for a little while. Remain there, waiting to have His heart made known to you.

As you come to Him, come as a weak child, one who is all soiled and badly bruised—a child that has been hurt from falling again and again. Come to the Lord as one who has no strength of his own. Come to Him as one who has no power to cleanse himself. Humbly lay your pitiful condition before your Father's gaze. While you wait there before Him, occasionally utter a word of love to Him and a word of grief over your sin. Then simply wait for a while.

After waiting, you will sense when it is time to go on. When that moment comes, simply continue on in the Lord's Prayer. As you speak the words, "Thy Kingdom come," call upon your Lord, the King of Glory, to reign in you. Give yourself up to God. Give yourself to God so that He may do in your heart what you have so long been a failure in trying to do. Acknowledge before Him His right to rule over you.

At some point in this encounter with your Lord, you will feel deep within your spirit that it is time to simply remain silent before Him. When you have such a sense, do not move on to the next word—not as long as this sense continues with you. You see, it is the Lord Himself who is holding you to silence. When that sense of waiting before Him has passed, go on again to the next words of the Lord's Prayer.