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Make Use Of The Power Of Pray

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Believe and persevere in prayer.... It is a particularly high task which you have been given for earthly life, and a far higher maturity of soul depends on its fulfilment than a person can otherwise achieve on earth. And God will give you the strength you need if you do not forget Him and ask for His help. What is life on earth.... Just a fleeting moment in eternity. What are the sufferings and sorrows on earth compared to the bliss that awaits you if you walk in faith and live in God. But to live in God means to stand in love.... Living in God means making Him your own, putting Him first in all your thoughts and actions and doing what He asks of you.... give love to your fellow human beings.... Those who live in God will no longer take any notice of themselves, but will only ever be active for others, because God is love.... To live in God therefore means to be completely permeated by divine love. But anyone who is lovingly active is in intimate union with God.... He is in Him, just as God is in everyone who shapes himself into love by practicing works of love. You must learn to regard the fact that you are now faced with tasks which require great love and a willingness to make sacrifices as a favour, a favour which is to earn you the soul's higher development. You must never believe that the lord God brings people together indiscriminately in order to bring suffering upon them, but that He wants to mould you into a higher maturity of soul. Often the tests are so difficult that you are in danger of failing, and yet such tests must be put to you, for they will strengthen your strength. Wherever you have to overcome resistances, your soul will take the course of higher development as long as you are active yourselves in order to master those resistances. Earthly life will soon be over, in eternity you will be rewarded many times over for the sacrifices you have made for your neighbour. And you will be thanked by the soul of the person you have done good for. Yet you must do what you do in patience and love.... You must resign yourselves to all strokes of fate, you must always and constantly desire help from your spiritual friends, who will always stand by your side where you need them. You must call upon them so that they can stand by you in every adversity of soul and body. And if you only ever have God before your eyes and in your heart.... if you firmly and unshakeably believe that He is the lord, to Whom everything is subject in heaven and on earth.... if you seek to gain His love, you will also have the power, and you will become master over all adversities, you will increase in strength and vigour, and your lot on earth will now also be an easier one. For he who overcomes the trials has nothing to fear forever, for his faith and his prayer will help him in all adversities, even though it may seem as if the trials are insurmountable.... you always have a helper at your side, if you desire His help.... But He has great power and will truly also use His power if danger threatens you.... Therefore believe and persevere in prayer....

Amen

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Why prayer is necessary....

B.D. No. 2409

July 15th 1942

People's endeavours at present only apply to matter, and this means a standstill of spiritual development. There is a danger that the human being will regress if he will not come to recognise his state of poverty, for God's adversary is trying to pull the souls down in order to win them for himself completely. And the more he succeeds the harder it becomes to escape from him again and turn towards higher spheres. The human being's will is weakened and can only change with God's help, which categorically requires calling upon Him for help. And this makes prayer therefore the first and most important requirement.... As long as the human being is still able to pray he is not hopelessly lost, since every call for strength in spiritual adversity will be answered, and if the human being can no longer recognise the spiritual adversity he is in, which is also due to the adversary's influence, and thus ignores the blessing of prayer, he will then be led by God into situations which will make him realise his own helplessness in earthly difficulties, so that he will then take his refuge in prayer and call upon God in his adversity. He is always ready to help, He will not deny His support to any petitioner, He gives strength to the weak and alleviates every adversity, but He wants that His help

shall be consciously desired; He wants the human being to come to Him as a petitioner, because this is the admission of his lack of power and strength, which God has to demand of the being which had once, in arrogance, in conscious awareness of its power, turned away from the One from Whom it had received its strength.

The being shall become a recipient of strength again as it had been in the very beginning, nevertheless it shall work with and not in opposition to God, and therefore it first has to realise that it is an utterly weak being without God's love, in order to motivate it to join God again, from Whom it had voluntarily distanced itself. Therefore the unity with God has to take place in free will again, and therefore the being cannot be given strength against its will. But it is expressing its will through prayer, through the desire to be given strength, which God will always fulfil. For He only wants to be acknowledged as the Giver of strength and that the being abandons its former resistance through prayer and willingly seeks to unite with God again, so that it then can be permeated by God's strength and thus become a recipient of strength once more, as it was originally destined to be....

Amen

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Bridge to God - prayer in spirit and truth....

B.D. No. 4891

May 6th 1950

People no longer find the bridge to Me and therefore they are in physical and spiritual adversity. They are no longer in contact with Me because they alienate themselves from Me, because they strive away from Me and this always results in earthly and spiritual adversity, for the former is the consequence and the means to remedy the spiritual adversity. The connection with Me would also secure people the strength to master every earthly adversity, yet without Me they are incapable of overcoming the adversity, without Me they are weak and abandoned. They don't use the bridge which My love has built for them, they don't call upon Me, they no longer pray, and therefore I cannot come to their aid because this help requires their free will which they express to Me through heartfelt prayer. In prayer people unite with Me as soon as the prayer rises from the heart to Me. Then they have used the bridge, they have come to Me and present their hardship to Me.... How much easier earthly life could be for you humans if you wanted to come to Me in prayer, Who has shown you a safe path on which you can escape all adversity.... And you pay no attention to this, you are in adversity and misery and yet don't pray to Me as a father's true children do. I certainly see your adversity, I could also help you, yet without your will My help would not be a proof of love for you, instead, you would distance yourselves ever further from Me the better you are, and then you would be eternally lost to Me. And thus I have to wait for your call before I intervene to help you if I am not to completely endanger your soul's salvation. But who comes to Me in prayer.... who is so intimately united with Me that he speaks to Me at all times and presents all his needs to Me? There are only very few, and these shall give their fellow human beings proof that One hears the call which ascends from earth. And therefore they, too, must come to Me in adversity for help, and I will help them so obviously that fellow human beings will be able to recognize the strength which lies in a right prayer in spirit and in truth, which every human being can acquire because My love is unlimited and constantly gives. The right bridge to Me is prayer in spirit and in truth.... This bridge will certainly lead to the aim; a person will never pray in vain who expresses a request in intimate contact with Me, who establishes the right child relationship with the father and who, as a child, also fully trusts the father because he believes in His love. As long as the bridge of prayer is used, there is no adversity which is too great to be remedied. For a believing prayer is able to do everything.... it is able to stimulate My omnipotence and love into utmost activity, because I will not leave a believing person without help even if it seems earthly impossible. Everything is possible for Me and nothing is impracticable or insurmountable for Me. Yet anyone who does not want to take this path of supplication to Me, who stands apart from the bridge and makes no effort to reach Me, will continue to persist in his adversity so that he will realize how weak and incapable he is when it comes to helping himself because he believes he can do without My help. The human being must feel his own inability so that he turns to Him for help, Who is able to do everything

and wants everything that is good and Whose love is unlimited, so that He wants to help **everyone** who comes to Him in his need....

Amen

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Means of grace: prayer.... God's word....

B.D. No. 5786

October 11th 1953

Return to your original relationship with Me and become again what you were from the beginning, creatures standing in highest perfection, in full possession of light and power.... I make this demand of you.... but I also provide you with the means to comply with My demand, because I know that you are completely powerless in your present state without My help and would not be able to shape yourselves again as you originally emerged from Me. Hence it is not impossible to fulfil My demand, for I take your weakness into account and truly help you in every way to achieve the aim I have set for you.... for I love you and want to see the wretched state you are in transformed into a blissful one. I want to know you **beside** Me, not **under** Me.... and My means are of utmost effectiveness.... you **can** reach the aim but they eliminate all compulsion of will.... And therefore it is your own business **when** you reach the aim.... otherwise you would truly have been in a state of light and strength long ago but as unfree beings you lacked the highest perfection. Understand it.... you must strive for perfection **yourselves**, because I respect your free will but therefore also constantly encourage you to make use of My means of help.... You cannot accomplish this work of transformation with your own strength, but My strength is at your disposal without measure. Use it, for this is not within My power if I don't want to make you unfree. Make use of My grant of grace and you will be powerful and able to achieve everything you want....

What then are these means of grace? What should you do to put yourselves in possession of power? How can you turn this power to yourselves?.... You should for the time being.... as completely ignorant.... **desire** truthful knowledge.... which only requires your will.... Then you already let the bestowal of grace become effective on you and you listen to what is proclaimed to you through My word.... And then you make use of a great grant of grace because you already draw strength from My word which now helps you further.... You make use of a further grace by praying, i.e. by mentally establishing the connection with Me and conversing with Me.... Such a prayer connection is a source of strength of unimagined abundance.... Through heartfelt prayer to Me you consciously open yourselves to My influx of grace and you must inevitably experience a change of nature, because My strength will not remain ineffective if it is accepted.... And the change of nature consists of love igniting in you, of you striving towards Me and now entering My flow of love, of you thus accepting again what you once rejected.... that you allow yourselves to be permeated by light and strength of your own free will and always more and more assimilate yourselves to My original nature, thus also coming closer and closer to your original nature, because you have now entered into the right relationship with Me again and now constantly receive light and strength from Me.... because you have now become in your free will what I could not create.... beings equal to Me.... right children of your father from eternity....

Amen

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Spiritual teachings require prayer for God's grace....

B.D. No. 2208

January 10th 1942

Every spiritual instruction brings the earthly child an unimaginable blessing as soon as it is preceded by earnest prayer for God's grace and thus makes His gift of grace possible. God wants to bestow His grace upon the human being, and it is an incomprehensible grace when He wants to make him knowledgeable and impart His teachings to him. But man is not always ready to receive His grace; he is not always willing to be taught or to accept what is offered to him into his heart. However,

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divine grace can only become effective in man when he desires it, i.e. requests it through fervent prayer. The teachings which God sends to people are so extraordinarily informative and enlighten the human spirit.... Everything he was previously unable to understand becomes comprehensible to him, his striving to ascend is made considerably easier because he recognizes the meaning and purpose of earthly life.... He realizes his outcome and also his goal.... and he can now complete his earthly life according to his knowledge, i.e. profitably for eternity. This is an undeserved grace, a gift which is based on God's love but which will never be granted to a person who does not respect such a gift of grace, who does not desire it, who therefore does not consciously request it from God through prayer. And therefore so many people come away empty-handed, they cannot be given divine wisdom, they cannot receive His instructions, for they do nothing in order to partake of divine grace; they do not implore Him for such, even though God wants to offer it to them time and again, thus informing them of His greater than great love and mercy through the mouth of a human being. The reference to this should move people to trustingly turn to Him in prayer for the transmission of His grace. They are to come to the father like children and present their weakness and spiritual hardship to Him, and they are to request strength and vigour from Him so that He can now hand out His grace in abundance, so that He can instruct them and impart purest knowledge to them. Then richest blessings will be their reward, they will mature spiritually and increase their knowledge, they will be able to collect and distribute spiritual possessions as long as they walk on earth and one day they will be able to enter eternity with rich treasures. And they will resist every temptation, for if knowledge is imparted to them then strength will also flow to them, for knowledge is light and strength.... And thus they will also be able to offer resistance to every temptation. The more they make use of His divine gift of grace the more fervently they will long for God and the more eagerly they will strive towards Him. What they desire, they will not let lie fallow. They will also want to bless their fellow human beings with what has become dear and valuable to them; they will pass on the teachings they have received in love, and if this work is accompanied by heartfelt prayer, it will be blessed....

Amen

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State of powerlessness and lightlessness....

B.D. No. 8354

December 13th 1962

To pass through the earth valley requires strength, for the human being is a weak creature as long as he has not yet found the bond with Me again, from Whom he receives strength when he wants it himself. The being, which now lives on earth embodied as a human being, had once renounced its strength and light; it had voluntarily departed from Me and exchanged its powerful state for a wretched state of weakness in deepest darkness.... This initial dreadful state has already been remedied by My love and with My help to such an extent that the being can receive a small measure of strength, namely the vitality necessary for being a human being, which now enables it to move on earth with a certain freedom of will and can now will, think and act on its own.... Thus it uses the life force flowing to it for earthly work in order to meet the demands placed on its body, thus in order to be physically active.... It has also been given so much light that it is able to mentally weigh up what is beneficial for body and soul..... And if he now evaluates this ability correctly, that he not **only** thinks of his body but also of his **soul**.... if he not only uses the vitality at his disposal for the body's well-being but also acquires spiritual treasures with it, that he also uses the body's strength for unselfish activity of love, then he will soon also be able to increase the measure of strength, for then he will receive unmeasured strength from Me which he will use spiritually again and soon emerge from the state of lack of light and strength and slowly approach his original state which meant strength and light in all abundance for the being. Then his earthly existence as a human being will have brought him complete success, then the being will have returned to its divine nature which it once voluntarily changed into the opposite. And you can see from this that earthly life as a human being is a gift of grace for you which My love bestows upon you because you deprived yourselves of strength and light and voluntarily turned away from Me..... Yet My love for you, My living creations, is so great that it took pity on Me

to know that you were without strength and light and I wanted to redeem you from it again.... I had certainly lost you to My adversary, yet only temporarily, and that is as long as your free will applied to him. And since you were immersed in complete darkness you would never have turned your will towards Me of your own accord.... Therefore, for the time being I had to help you back into a state where you could use your free will again in all freedom.... And since all power is at My disposal I snatched from My adversary the creatures which had risen from My strength, which were therefore also **My** share, and banished them into creations of various kinds, so that through service in the law of compulsion they attained a degree of maturity again which then also enabled a decision in free will. And this degree of maturity is now reached when you are allowed to embody yourselves as a human being on earth and then you also receive your free will back, which should now decide again to which lord you want to belong. This was and is My activity of love for you, who emerged from My love, that I will not leave you in the wretched state of powerlessness and lightlessness, that I will do everything in order to help you attain beatitude again, which you voluntarily surrendered through your apostasy from Me but which you shall nevertheless attain one day because you are divine living creations. For this reason earthly life as a human being is an unheard-of grace for you which you should not forfeit by using the influx of life energy wrongly, i.e. by only using it for the benefit of your body. For that would be tantamount to a decision for My adversary, and you will sink into deepest darkness again and will still have to languish in it for eternal times until you are offered the opportunity again in a renewed earthly life.... after another endlessly long walk through the creations of earth.... you will be given the opportunity again to make the decision of will.... You can reach your goal in **one** course of development, but you can also have to go through repeated re-cannings in hard matter if time and again your free will is wrongly directed, if time and again you refuse to acknowledge Me as your God and creator and therefore remain in a state devoid of light and strength until your stubbornness is broken, until you voluntarily surrender to Me one day.... which may take eternities but one day your will will certainly long for unification with Me and you will then consciously unite with Me as a human being on earth in order to be unspeakably blissful forever....

Amen

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Remedy for powerlessness.... prayer - request....

B.D. No. 7741

November 10th 1960

Love gives you strength.... and if you are therefore without strength then you also know that you lack love, that you still have to work on your soul, that you still have to transform your nature into love and that you will then no longer feel powerless. And because you yourselves are therefore not yet full of love you have to **pray**.... you must come to Me and ask Me to help you, to fill you with strength.... that I ignite **love** in you and thus want to impart strength to you.... And **your prayer will be heard**.... Everything you don't possess yourselves you can receive from Me. And thus I can also kindle love in you into bright embers if this is your will and if you present your lack of love to Me and appeal to Me for help.... Then I can truly let My strength overflow into you, and this will always result in an increased urge for loving activity in you. I grant you every spiritual request, and this is a spiritual request if you feel too lacking in love yourselves and request My strength of love. And I will gladly comply with such a request. Therefore you can never say that you are incapable of love, for I Myself make up for every deficiency in you as soon as you are willing to live in love. And therefore the **bond** with **Me** is absolutely necessary if you want to mature your souls. For without such a bond My strength cannot flow into you, and thus you lack it. But you can practice love at any time because My spark of love rests within you, because the bond with Me can therefore always be established and the strength to work with love is then also within you. You don't know what great strength love is, yet since **I** am both **strength** and **love** you will also always possess strength and love if you unite with Me, for then you yourselves will long for what you once voluntarily gave away.... you long for your original nature again and open yourselves to My illumination of love.... Thus you will no longer be weak and master everything in earthly life, no matter what demands are made of you. You need never

fear weakness and lack of strength because this will be remedied immediately if you devote yourselves to Me, if you **want** to receive strength from Me. Then you will inwardly urge yourselves to be active with love, and nothing will hold you back from loving activity, for the bond with Me already makes you happy, and then you will always be willing to fulfil My will.... you strive towards Me ever more eagerly, you will also increasingly recognize My will in an awakened spirit, and your whole being will be filled with love and have a beneficial effect on your surroundings.... You will contribute towards the redemption of the still unfree spiritual, because love impels you, which is My direct expression in you. Therefore don't be fearful when you feel powerless but then only ever remember your father Who does not want to leave His children in their weakness but truly gives to you abundantly if only you ask Him for it. And every request also presupposes the bond with Me, but every bond enables the influx of strength of love.... This is why a loving person will also always remember Me, or also: A person who remains united with Me will also always work in love and never feel weak. For I am also present to anyone who is united with Me, and My presence eliminates all weakness. And if you sometimes feel weak then you know that I desire your heartfelt bond, for I can only bestow gifts upon you if you turn to the father like children for help....

Amen

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God's call for power.... power from below....

B.D. No. 5514

October 23rd 1952

And again and again you will experience that you are unable to do anything without Me unless you call upon the one who is My adversary and your enemy but who gives you strength in order to destroy you. You will be able to overcome everything with My help, yet you must not rely on your own strength, for then you will already be caught in satan's nets, who lets the feeling of your own strength arise in you in order to push you away from Me. Often you have to rely on yourselves alone in earthly adversity, no help comes to you from your fellow human beings and you yourselves feel too weak.... Then you should call upon Me and you can firmly rely on the fact that you will be led out of the adversity again if you believe in My love and My might. But it is fundamentally wrong to exert your strength to the utmost instead of calling upon Me in the belief that you will then be able to overcome the earthly adversity. You also receive your own strength from Me, and this can certainly achieve much after a heartfelt appeal for help. For I usually help in a natural way so that it does not work like a miracle, and yet it is My help which reaches you. But if the call to Me has preceded, then everything you undertake yourselves will certainly be good, for I will guide your thoughts as it is beneficial for you. Many people certainly achieve extraordinary things without having approached Me for blessing and help.... Their attitude can nevertheless be good, and My strength is active or fails according to this attitude. But the human being can have unconsciously entered into a bond with Me through his will to love.... in which case I will also support him in earthly adversity, yet only ever in such a way that he will also learn to recognize Me if he thinks about the obvious help. But anyone who is already My adversary due to his attitude, anyone who consciously and unconsciously rejects Me, anyone who believes that he does not need Me if his own strength is insufficient, will receive strength from below. And he will be recognized in the utilisation of what he has earthly acquired.... No serving neighbourly love will speak from his thoughts and actions, from all his works. His earthly successes will always become greater and greater, for My adversary will provide him with abundant strength in order to win him over completely for himself by firmly chaining him to matter, by stifling every good impulse in him in his desire for earthly goods, for wealth, honour and fame. Yet no blessing will rest on his activity, nor will he be able to become master over his fate which is imposed on him by Me. For again and again I will try to direct his thoughts towards the one Who alone is powerful in heaven and on earth, again and again I will show him his own weakness so that he will lean on Me and appeal to Me for strength and power, just as My adversary will constantly harass him.... Without Me you can do nothing, but with Me and My strength you can do everything.... But don't let yourselves be deceived by the opposing power which certainly provides you with all earthly

things in abundance but wants to take away the life of your soul, who wants to render you completely powerless for eternity. For he does nothing in vain, he harms you wherever he can and you have to pay for every gift of strength from below, for he does not want your bliss but only your ruin....

Amen

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Prayer for strength.... Overcoming ego love....

B.D. No. 8461

April 7th 1963

I take all your weaknesses into account and will truly not ask for anything that is not possible for you to accomplish.... And so that you can remedy your state of weakness at any time you need only make use of the grace of prayer.... For as soon as you only pray for strength in order to be able to carry out your soul's work you will receive it, for through prayer.... if it is directed towards Me in spirit and in truth.... the contact between you and Me is already established and the strength can overflow into you. Hence it only applies that you decide to pray, to send a heartfelt call to Me that I may take care of your weakness and help you to reach the goal which was set for you in earthly life. But in order to be able to pray sincerely you must also believe alive.... you must be convinced that your God and creator is also your father, Who does not think sparingly of any of His children when they turn to Him and request help because they feel too weak themselves to fulfil My will.... But My will is that the human being lives in love.... And because self-love is still stronger he has to fight against it and feels too weak to do so.... But if he asks for My help in complete trust then he will always think less of himself and the caring love for his neighbour will become stronger, and the more he now practices love the more he will also be happy himself, since love itself is also the strength which remedies his state of weakness. You can truly be confident that your prayer for strength will be answered, for if you come to Me of your own free will I will also reward you and give you what you ask for, and if you are first concerned about your soul's salvation, that you thus request strength for your spiritual ascent and thus prove to Me that you strive for Me and My kingdom, then you will also receive everything else you earthly require..... but whether I **grant** you earthly wishes, if **only such** move your heart or cause you to pray, depends on your maturity of soul or also on the danger such an earthly fulfilled wish can be for you. But My ear will always be open to you as soon as your call comes from your heart and you intimately unite with Me. This is why you need not fear a state of weakness, you need never think that I will set you unmanageable tasks, for I want nothing more than for you to practise love, and this can only be achieved through a battle against self-love, for which you therefore should and may request strength. For you are weak creatures due to your past fall into sin, where you gave away strength and light in the blindness of your thinking.... But if your thinking has only changed to such an extent that you turn it towards Me, then your state of weakness will also change and you will be amazed at what you are now able to do with My strength, which I irrevocably give to you as a result of heartfelt prayer in spirit and in truth. Therefore you need never be discouraged, even though time and again you become aware of your powerless state.... For He Himself is the source of strength from eternity, He also supplies all His creatures with it without limitation, only the creature has to open itself to receive it.... And this happens through the bond with Me in prayer.... This is why prayer is a grace of utmost importance, because you achieve everything with it.... Only the strength of your faith determines the degree of strength you receive, and this faith will become ever stronger if you only test it once, if you sincerely commend yourselves to Me and confidently wait for My help.... I truly leave no prayer unfulfilled because I Myself want your strength to increase, so that you will become powerful and light-filled beings again, as you were in the beginning.... Only I cannot provide you with strength against your will but you must come to Me yourselves and desire strength, you must open yourselves through heartfelt prayer and you will truly be allowed to receive everything you need in order to mature while still on earth.... And the body will also be considered so that it will serve the soul to mature, so that it will then use the strength to work with love and thus fulfil the purpose of earthly life. Don't fear your weakness, for I will be able to be powerful in the weak if only he turns to Me Myself in his weakness and asks Me for strength and light and grace....

Lauheit.... weakness of will.... slackness in prayer....

B.D. No. 2045

August 27th 1941

The more lukewarm a person is, the stronger the influence he has to fear from the adversary. He then neither offers resistance nor strives for God's strength and is therefore in the greatest danger of becoming weak and succumbing. He should always bear in mind that the ascent to the heights is arduous and that a slackening of his willpower very easily results in a step backwards, which requires renewed effort in order to catch up. The adversary is vigilant, i.e. he does not miss a single moment of a person's weakness, but the latter should also be vigilant so that he does not expose his soul to the danger of being oppressed by the adversary. And the weaker he feels, the more fervently he should pray for strength. But even if he begins to become lukewarm in prayer, the adversary's power over him is great. And yet he cannot be spared the struggle against this power. Spiritual beings certainly stand by him, but their help has to be requested because they cannot become active without the call. And in hours of weakness of will the human being often omits this call as well, and then he is defencelessly at the mercy of the adversary's power. And he has to fight the battle against him himself, which is often very difficult. And it is always the weakening of prayer that causes his willpower to weaken. The more often and more intimately a person unites himself with God, the less he is exposed to the influences of the enemy, because both at the same time, the power from God and the power of the adversary, cannot be effective. But the power from God is always stronger and excludes every activity of evil forces. In hours of need, of lukewarmness and weakness of will, a heartfelt call for the support of good beings suffices and the work of those beings will already be stopped. Only the will to do good must still be present in the human being, and soon the fervour of prayer will also increase again and the human being will have escaped the danger....

Amen

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Request for strengthening of the will....

B.D. No. 7284

February 16th 1959

My adversary will not be able to prevent a person from taking the path to the cross, for his will already limits the adversary's power. Thus the will is first, and once this will has turned towards the cross then the adversary has to step back and he can no longer prevent the human being from taking the path to the cross. But the will is free, the adversary cannot influence the will, just as I Myself do not force the human being's will to take the right direction. But your will is often very weakened, it cannot quite make up its mind yet, and then it remains under the adversary's power. Therefore, let your first prayer be the request for the strengthening of your will, which I will certainly grant because I have acquired the strengthened will for you in Jesus Christ through My crucifixion. The strengthening of will is extremely important for the ascent development of your soul, and you can already secure the grace of a strengthened will through a silent supplication, and then you will also take the path to the cross, you will consciously turn to Jesus Christ and ask Him for forgiveness of your sins and for your redemption from the enemy and adversary.... And your redemption will be as certain as My love is for all of you who once came forth from Me. But in order to give your will the right direction you also need to know about the divine redeemer Jesus Christ.... And therefore it is necessary that the glad tidings of your saviour and redeemer are proclaimed to you, that you are informed of His act of love and mercy and of the reason for His crucifixion for the whole of humanity. But for My part it will also be ensured that all people will be informed of what has happened for the sake of sinful humanity.... People's gaze will be directed towards the cross so that all those who are unredeemed, who are still in sin and have not found forgiveness, will take the path to the cross. All people should know that they only need to take the path to the cross in order to become free from their

guilt, in order to be saved from all misery of the soul. And the knowledge of the divine redeemer and His act of mercy will also strengthen people's will to go to Him themselves or at least to send a prayer to Him beforehand that He may strengthen their will, which again and again falls back into weakness without the help of Jesus Christ.... But then the adversary will have become powerless, he will no longer be able to prevent him from going to where peace and redemption beckon to him with his eyes fixed on the cross, to where his guilt must also be carried if he wants to be released from it and completely detach himself from the adversary's power. Therefore, it is solely up to the human being's will how he will relate to Jesus Christ's act of salvation, and no human being can say that he was prevented from taking the path to the cross himself.... He cannot be hindered if he himself wants it and has his eyes fixed on the cross of Christ. The adversary lacks the power to do so because the human being's will is free. But his rightly directed will will earn him the highest and best: redemption from sin and death.... And therefore you humans should only ever ask that your will be rightly directed and that I may strengthen this will, and **this** request will truly be granted to you.... For it is spiritually directed and only testifies to Me that you are willing to let yourselves be redeemed and that you only need protection and strength against your adversary.... And your will will be granted, it will be strengthened through Jesus Christ, Who laid down His life for this purpose in order to purchase a strengthened will for you, in order to help you to become free from your tormentor....

Amen

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God's blessing.... prayer and success of the work....

B.D. No. 0862

April 14th 1939

It is irresponsible carelessness if the lord is not thought of before any work is started. If it is at a person's disposal to receive the lord's blessing, which then makes all work easy and successful for him, and he does not pay attention to this blessing, then all burden and responsibility rests on his shoulders alone and he will therefore have to toil and strain much more, than if he entrusts himself to the lord and appeals to Him for His assistance.... However, where the work on earth is successful even without the requested help and the human being believes he does not need God's blessing, good spiritual strength is not always involved in the success of the work but often arises with the support of opposing power in order to prevent the human being from turning to the creator of heaven and earth in prayer for assistance. Therefore, an apparently successful striving on earth without recourse to the divine lord must not be misleading or misjudged.... the fallacy must not be drawn from it that the human being can very well do without divine help without suffering harm.... only as long as he is completely ignorant and thus does not consciously neglect the divine commandments to ask for blessing, no disadvantage will arise for him and he will be protected from the influence of the opposing power, but if he acknowledges an eternal deity and recognizes His creator and controller in His earthly existence, yet intends to carry out his earthly activity without His assistance, he will then often be offered resistance.... He will have to recognize his powerlessness through failures and difficult successes; He will have to realize that he is not always in control of the success of his work; he will feel a certain resistance from above which he can overcome himself through right thinking. And if he has used his thoughts correctly and trustingly revealed himself to the father in heaven and entrusted his work and its success to Him, he will be honoured with blessings from above and need never fear that they will be withdrawn from him as long as he desires to be blessed by God and expresses this through prayer and trusting devotion. To stand in God's blessing means to be able to go through life light-heartedly, to be relieved of earthly worries and to be able to hand over everything difficult to Him.... And this awareness lets the human being go through life joyfully and cheerfully, he no longer bears the responsibility alone but has handed it over to the lord, and only, where the human being falters in faith or becomes negligent in prayer, the hardships of life approach him again and drive him to renewed reflection on his own weakness without divine help, so that the human being clearly recognizes that his earthly path leads astray if he does not avail himself of divine help and consciously asks the father in heaven for blessing....

Asking the blessing for everything you do....

B.D. No. 5838

December 28th 1953

All your efforts are in vain if you don't ask for My blessing, if you don't first commend yourselves to Me that I Myself work with you. For only My cooperation will ensure the right success and the success of what you plan. Everything is done in vain if My blessing does not rest on it, and My blessing can only come upon you if you submit everything to Me and My will. And you, who are diligently active on earth and create and work, but not in connection with Me, your God and lord, your creator and father of eternity, should consider this. You, who stand apart from Me because you don't acknowledge Me, because you don't believe in Me and cannot gain this faith either because you don't have the will to do so, you believe yourselves capable of only exploiting earthly life for your selfish purposes.... I will not prevent you from your plan, and you can also gain treasures to the greatest extent.... earthly treasures which make you believe to be abundant and powerful.... But if My blessing does not rest on them they will only be detrimental to you, spiritually and earthly, for even if the body has an advantage the soul will only be burdened by that which serves the body's well-being. But My adversary creates the body's comfort in order to keep the soul in darkness and not to lose it. If only you humans wanted to believe that you only harm yourselves if you live on earth without Me.... if only you would recognize how much right you thereby grant My adversary and voluntarily give him what you deny Me.... You cannot become blessed without faith in Me, and you do not live forever on earth.... Therefore, whatever you achieve on this earth is useless for eternity if you exclude Me, if you don't request My blessing, which at the same time secures you protection from the enemy of your souls. You live indifferently and My name is only empty sound.... and if you think of Me because you have been taught about Me there is nevertheless so little faith in you that you are not afraid of the account you have to give to Me. And therefore you live your earthly life irresponsibly and can no longer make up for what you neglected in earthly life.... For time is irretrievably lost.... But if you would only seriously think about your creator for once, then the right thoughts would come to you because I will send them to you as soon as you seriously consult yourselves.... Yet you refrain from everything that could bring you closer to Me, but you use all your strength to create and work earthly and thereby only hand yourselves over to the one who will draw you down into his kingdom again, from which you have already descended.... You must not switch Me off if you don't want to get lost again for an infinitely long time.... You must believe in Me, your God and creator, you must call upon Me for My blessing, whatever you undertake.... But then blessings will also blossom for you, and then you will create and work for eternity, and your soul will reap the wealth you have acquired on earth.... goods that will last for eternity....

Amen

Instrument of God requires total submission and surrender to God....

B.D. No. 3360

December 9th 1944

Anyone who has been given the grace to be able to be active in enlightenment is also in a service relationship with God, i.e. he has offered himself to Him of his own free will and has been accepted. And therefore he is now also prepared by God Himself for His service. The human being's will must therefore have become active first. Consequently, it is not an arbitrary preference of a person by God but an effect of free will which is paired with serving neighbourly love. This gives people proof of what the right will and loving activity is capable of, what strength is released through both and how obviously God expresses Himself if the human being establishes intimate contact with Him. A conscious will to serve Him has to be expressed, the human being has to completely place his will under God's will, he has to devote himself to Him with body and soul, only then can God work

through Him, thus things can be accomplished which seemingly surpass human abilities. Wanting to serve God is the most beautiful and successful task on earth, but it requires complete submission. The human being must allow himself to be pulled and guided, he may not do anything on his own authority, he must hand himself over into God's hand and only want to live for God's pleasure, then God will take hold of him and his path will be marked out from the start. The human being no longer needs to fear going wrong if he has expressed his God-centred will to Him through his request to want to serve Him. Serving in love is the human being's task on earth, and he can do this at any time and in any place, in all circumstances of life and all works of creation.... And if he places himself at God's disposal he will be admitted to a great serving task.... to contribute to the spiritual development of man. He is used, as it were, as God's instrument to convey His will to fellow human beings. Yet this ministry requires the abandonment of one's own will, for it is a spiritual mission which requires the strong will to abandon earthly well-being, i.e. physical desire, and to become completely spiritually attuned. And this will has to overcome all resistances and constantly fetch the strength from the intimate connection with God. As long as the strength of such a will is not mustered, it is not suitable for this service. God, however, knows about the human being's will, about his ability and about using it of his own free will. And therefore He will grant the right people His grace to be able to work for Him on earth. Profound humility and a strong will must prevail in the one who wants to serve Him on earth by setting the redemption of the unfree spiritual as his aim and tackling his work in prayer for God's help. Yet only few apply themselves to God for this work on earth, and therefore it is an extraordinary phenomenon that God Himself instructs a person in a way which makes His working evidently recognizable. Humanity is already too far removed from God to have any understanding for it, even if it still acknowledges God according to the word and does not deny His omnipotence and love. But as soon as this omnipotence and love gives a visible sign it does not recognize God in it, instead it doubts that He obviously expresses Himself, and for them He is a distant being. Yet God wants to bring Himself close to people, He wants to inform them that they are able to feel Him daily and hourly if they approach Him correctly, if they seek Him and desire to enter into contact with Him. And for this He uses a willing earthly person who has desired His nearness and who should and can now provide fellow human beings with the evidence that and how God expresses Himself when the human being opens up to Him. It depends on the person's will whether he is able to recognize Him, and in order to change this will, if he is still turned away from God, he should be instructed, he should be given the knowledge of God's will in order to then voluntarily submit himself to it, for only then will he be able to feel God's nearness, and only then can he receive strength for spiritual ascent development. But since this is the human being's final aim on earth and at the same time signifies complete union with God, a start must be made.... the human being's desire to join God must be awakened. Yet this desire is only awakened when the human being recognizes God as love, and this, in turn, is the result of his own activity of love. But since the human being is devoid of all knowledge at the beginning of his embodiment, this must first be imparted to him, that is, the divine commandments must be taught to him first, so that by fulfilling them he then puts himself into a state which brings him closer to God. Faith in God must come alive in him.... And therefore God reveals Himself to people again and again, He gives them evidence of His love, might and wisdom. Yet this is only possible through people so as not to force faith.... it is only possible through people who no longer resist Him but are completely devoted to Him. He uses them to bring Himself close to all people. The human being himself is only an instrument of God through whom His will is expressed. But the fact that he is used by God as an instrument is the result of his complete devotion to Him. He will never be called upon for such a task against his will, for he stands in the midst of a flow of grace whose influx, however, necessitates his opening, otherwise grace could not be supplied to him in this measure. God certainly needs servants on earth but they must be willing to serve Him voluntarily, only then are they suitable as instruments and their work on earth will be successful. It is not spiritual coercion on the part of God which is exerted on those servants, instead, through their will they have to provide evidence themselves of the strength and wisdom the human being can attain who surrenders his will to God and accepts unmeasured grace from Him. He shall be an example for his fellow human beings which shall serve them as an incentive, for only then will they develop upwards when they start their

soul's work with the surrender of their own will, when they fully consciously strive towards God by fulfilling His commandments. Then they will also feel the strength, they will recognize God and learn to love Him and reach their aim on earth.... to find union with God, as is their destiny....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Faithful prayer.... power of faith and prayer....

B.D. No. 3427

February 4th 1945

A believing prayer will work miracles if you send it up to Me in distress. And thus you have a means which banishes every adversity.... Why then should you still be timid?.... For I hear and listen to such a prayer because it is pleasing to Me. Believe in Me and in My love, believe in My omnipotence and call upon Me, and I will come to your aid, for I do not want you to suffer.... Yet I want to be recognized by you as the father of His children, and therefore I want you to trustingly come to Me with every worry so that I will take it away from you. For I have the power and also the will to do so, I can help you, and I want to help you as soon as you are not apostate to Me, as soon as you feel like My children and desire to come to the father. And you express this will through believing prayer.... Stand in profound faith and ask for My grace, for strength and help.... this is the state which is to be achieved on earth and which enables you to gain insight into the spiritual kingdom. But this state also earns you the fulfilment of your requests, for now you are such that I can call out to you: Ask and it shall be given you. I Myself have given you the promise and I will truly fulfil it if you pray to Me in the right way. But a right prayer should ascend to Me in childlike trust, you should not doubt for a moment that I will grant your request, you should imagine My greater than great love for you and rely on this love so firmly that it will not deny you anything. Yet your prayer should predominantly be for your soul's salvation and earthly only for the prevention of severe adversity, but you should never ask for futile things, for I will give you what you need for your earthly life if you seriously strive for My kingdom. But if you are in earthly distress then trustingly take refuge in My fatherly heart and I will banish all adversity. And thus you are never alone, never helpless and abandoned, for you always have prayer as soon as you believe. And a prayer coming from the heart will always please Me, and I will grant My help to the earthly child, often in a miraculous way, because nothing is impossible for Me and therefore I can also banish the most severe adversity if I thereby want to prove the strength of faith and prayer to a believing earthly child....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden...."

B.D. No. 6137

December 16th 1954

“Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest....” I assure all of you who are in trouble and distress of My help, if only you take your way to Me, if you remember Me in your distressed situation, if you come to Me.... You should believe that I can and want to help you and come to Me with this confidence, entrusting yourselves to Me and remembering My promise that I will give you what you ask for.... No one will leave Me who has not received comfort and strength from Me, if only he prays to Me with full faith **when he comes to Me** hoping for help from Me. I am well aware of your adversity, nevertheless, I urge you to entrust yourselves to Me yourselves, because I can only help you if you approach Me for it.... once you have found the path to Me, for My aim is to be close to you and therefore cause you to seek contact with Me.... Only when you have united with Me of your own will in thought.... which happens through heartfelt prayer to Me.... I have achieved this aim: the recognition of Myself as God and father from eternity, which you once denied Me and which therefore caused you to become unhappy.... I will always say to you: **"Come to Me"**.... or **"Ask and it shall be given you"** or **"Call upon Me in time of need"**.... because it is always My will that you unite with Me.... Only then can I assert My claims on you, then you will

have surrendered to **Me**, as it were, and that means detaching yourselves from My adversary. And then you will also understand why I so often let you get into adversity and distress where there is only ever **one** way out, that you call upon Me for help if you don't completely surrender to the one who pulls you down.... who then **also** helps you but in a way which is obviously harmful to you, for he demands your soul in return.... He will give you earthly everything but you will lose the life of your soul for it, for you will increasingly fall into his power.... you will only have earthly-material thoughts and completely forget about Me.... you will deny Me and again acknowledge him as your lord.... and it will be well with you on earth, but you will be lost for eternity.... do not expect this welfare on earth, but come to Me in your distress.... and I will truly give you what you need for body and soul.... You will not be sparsely provided for, for My love distributes abundantly, however, only what is good for your soul's salvation, but it will also always provide for you earthly, as I have promised you.... You need not be in need, for you have a father in heaven Who only requires that you turn to Him in your heart and Who will then also provide for you like children to whom He refuses nothing except what harms them.... but you must come to Him voluntarily....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

What is a right prayer?....

B.D. No. 7274

February 4th 1959

You can get anything from Me if you pray for it in the right way. You shall not demand but appeal to Me with a humble heart for help in earthly and in spiritual adversity. And you shall believe that I will help you because I love you. Hence I request a right prayer in spirit and in truth, so that I will then be able to support you in accordance with your faith. Whatever it may be, everything is possible to Me, even if you humans don't think it possible, but My power is unlimited, and My wisdom also foresees everything and accordingly can always work for the salvation of your soul. And My love will also carry it out, you are, after all, My children, to whom I will not deny anything that is beneficial for them. A right prayer is a prayer that will reach My ear, because you make the effort to let Me be present with you.... when you are aware of you own weakness and beseech Me to provide you with strength and help.... Such a prayer will not remain unheard because it is addressed to Me in profoundest humility....

But anyone who demands is not praying correctly.... and demands are made by many prayers which are merely voiced by the mouth, because the human being imagines that it merely requires the speech of a praying person in order to attain the blessing of a prayer.... Not the words but the feeling of the heart gives a prayer depth and spirit. It is only ever the intimate relationship with Me which the human being enters when he prays in the right way. And his prayer will be answered by Me.... For this reason just a few words suffice to touch My ear and to be heard by Me. Long formal prayers, however, are abhorrent to Me, for the human being will not be able to keep concentrating on his words, only his lips are speaking, and the prayers won't come through to Me, they will be spoken in vain and only serve to displace people's faith, for since I cannot grant such prayers, faith in a powerful, wise and loving God will also be undermined, it will get progressively more lost because I only expect the heartfelt bond which has to be established by the heart and then will also guarantee My presence in the person, to whom I can reveal Myself as a Father to My child by granting his prayer.... Learn to pray correctly.... For what you have so far called praying is not a right prayer in spirit and in truth. Believe Me that I prefer a short deep sigh to prayers which last for hours, which are possibly said on instructions and do not arise by themselves from the heart of the person.... But just a few words are enough when the heart is involved in what the mouth is saying or what is mentally moving the person. Then I will not close My ear, I will help and grant whatever the child requests which is imploring its Father....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

A child's trusting prayer will rise to heaven and be heard by Me.... and his prayer will be answered.... And yet so few people take advantage of this privilege because they have become accustomed to external formalities and no longer experience the strength of prayer in spirit and in truth.... Only great hardship can persuade them to voice words from their hearts which will reach My ear, because great hardship will let them turn to Me for help.... And I will bless them when they then let go of all superficial formalities and speak to Me like a child speaks to its father.... However, I will not take notice of thoughtless prayers, and yet they are so very frequently spoken.... just as I will not take notice of what a devout attitude should express but which lacks all deeper thought....

Therefore I asked you to call upon Me in spirit and in truth.... because all pretence and external formality is abominable to Me. You humans might well be able to deceive each other but you will never be able to deceive Me.... And you believe that you pay homage to Me with empty displays of splendour, with ceremonial acts, with a superficial service. But I take no notice of it, whereas a simple, devout prayer to Me will sound lovely and is pleasing to Me. And this kind of prayer can be sent to Me anywhere and at anytime, it will always be received and heard by Me. It is so easy to honour Me when you build an altar in your heart on which you bring your love to Me.... when you enter into a silent but heartfelt dialogue with Me, when you commend yourselves to Me, ask for My mercy and always long for My presence.... Then you will be praying 'in spirit and in truth....' Then I will also be with you, because I will always be with My child when it sends its loving thoughts to the Father.... However, I abhor all external formality which is all too easily just a disguise for an unfriendly, indifferent attitude, that will lead a person into ruin.

Besides, you are misjudging your God and Father if you believe that I.... like you humans.... would want to be honoured with external splendour and glamour.... All splendour and glory are at My disposal and I want to give it all to you if only you offer Me your love in return. For I Am only asking for your love which, however, you cannot show Me with external formalities, instead I want to discover it in the human being's heart.... which is selflessly turned towards his neighbour and therefore also proves your love for Me. A loving heart is the greatest honour for Me, a loving heart only speaks words in spirit and in truth, and I will look upon a loving heart as My child which has all My love too.... but then it may also ask Me for everything and never get disappointed due to its faith in Me, and I will not allow its faith to be destroyed....

Amen

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Prayer in spirit and in truth....

B.D. No. 7135

May 31th 1958

Words alone are not enough if they lack inner life. How easily words are spoken, often only with the mouth, so that even the intellect is not involved.... but even words which the intellect controls need not yet carry the right spirit within themselves, and thus they do not reach My ear either, because I as spirit can only be called upon in spirit and in truth. And therefore the words have to be born in the heart because I only pay attention to what is spirit and truth. Only once you humans have fallen into profound adversity and in this adversity turned to the one Who alone was able to help you will you understand what I regard as 'prayer in spirit and in truth'.... For thousands upon thousands of prayers are merely uttered by the mouth, and these prayers are so worthless and will never reach My ear, for they are and remain lip prayers which are an abomination before Me. Yet your intellect can also participate in them and yet the prayers do not flow from your heart, you only think about the meaning of the words, you do some mental work but you do not speak trustingly and humbly to your father of eternity Who only listens to such a voice of His child and responds to it. But you humans should not take pleasure in endless lip prayers, you should not take part in such prayers which people elevate to daily exercises, which the masses indulge in and believe to have 'prayed'. For you all know

the words of the scriptures: "This people honours Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me...." Why do you not heed these words, why do you do the same, murmuring long prayers before you which can never reach My ear...? Why do you waste your time with useless customs and do not retire to your closet once a day to talk to Me in all intimacy and openness?.... You will always find an open ear with Me for all your concerns, for your needs and worries, and you will always be able to count on My help, but you will never achieve anything in that way, for your heart will remain dead and cold, your heart will not participate in what your mouth utters. And as long as you don't feel repelled by senseless behaviour, as long as you still take part in it, you cannot expect that I will pay attention to your wishes and requests. And if you receive fulfilment then you can put this on My adversary's account who wants to keep you in spiritual darkness more and more and who tries to prevent a heartfelt bond with Me with all his might. But your intellect should already tell you that you cannot make your God and father inclined towards you in this way, if you would even think about yourselves and your relationship with Him. What you do is so obviously wrong that every person could recognize it for himself.... And therefore you will one day have to answer for every thoughtlessly spoken word which applied or should apply to your creator.... For you cannot say that you were not repeatedly reminded to pray 'in spirit and in truth'.... in order to detach yourselves from the one who seeks to entrap you in lies and error....

Amen

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A child's prayer to the Father....

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Express your wishes to Me in all simplicity and you will find a listening ear. Humility of heart will always enable you to find the right thoughts and words, and thus your prayer will be that of a child to its Father which is certain to reach His ear. And I will truly help you.... but you must leave it up to Me how I do this, for My love for you is so great that I only ever have the best in mind for you, that I always want to give you, My children, more than you ask for. And since I, in My wisdom, recognise how I can best make you happy, I also act in accordance with My wisdom. So you should indeed pray to Me, because I can only take effect within you when you have united yourselves with Me.... But after such heartfelt prayer in spirit and in truth you should leave everything else to Me, and everything will happen as is good for you. No prayer to Me will be in vain, even if it is not immediately fulfilled. And time and again you should seek to unite with Me in prayer.... And truly, you will derive great blessings from it, for every contact with Me also assures that My flow of strength will pour into you and comfort your soul even if your body cannot feel it. But it will also affect the latter for it strengthens its spiritual substances and enables them to resist.... you will, so to speak, also physically be conquerors, you will be protected from My adversary's intrusions, which was purely achieved by your prayer to Me.

Don't think that I keep My ears closed if a prayer isn't immediately granted.... I hear My child's call and am always willing to help.... yet I also know what is the most effective help, and this is what it will receive. For I always know its state of maturity, I know what it still needs to become perfect, and I will only ever do what draws this child closer to Me for sure. And once it grows in realisation as a result of its life of love it will also know itself what it needs and thus leave everything to Me alone, it will certainly pray to Me but then also patiently wait until I grant its prayer. Yet you should not stop praying either.... for you come so close to Me in prayer that the spiritual bond is tied again, as it was in the beginning.... And especially this bond proves your change of will, and the return to Me has actually already been accomplished, you just have to let yourselves be nourished by My strength time and again so as to enable your nature to change too, so that it becomes again as it was in the beginning. Kind-hearted deeds and heartfelt prayer accomplish this retransformation, and you cannot be asked to do so often enough.... And then you will also understand that you will have to keep getting into difficulties, be they of a physical or psychological nature, so as not to let up in prayer.... in order to look for the bond with Me which will provide you with the strength to achieve this change.

And if I ask you 'to pray continually....' it was certainly not meant that you should carry out lip-prayers for hours on end.... but that you should always be mentally in contact with Me, you should turn to Me in all affairs of your daily life, which merely requires a heartfelt thought.... and you should always be lovingly active.... This is what I consider true prayer, whereby you demonstrate your will to Me and also establish the unification with Me, which is the purpose and goal of your earthly life. And you can certainly come to Me with the smallest request, for the more intimately you associate with Me the more I can repay your trust.... you just ought to leave it up to Me how I grant your prayer; but you can rest assured that your prayer will be fulfilled.... No prayer sent up to Me in spirit and in truth will fade away unheard by Me. And as soon as the prayer is a spiritual request you can also expect its fulfilment with certainty, for if you pray for maturity of soul, for help in spiritual hardship, your bond with Me will also be established again and you can be touched by My ray of love, which always signifies that your appeals have been granted. No human being, whose soul's salvation is so important to him that he wants to achieve it, will remain weak.... and since I Myself yearn for My child I will also always help it in its ascent to Me.... I will do whatever is of greatest benefit for My child and its soul....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Humble prayer.... pride share of the adversary....

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May 9th 1958

Just present your requests to Me in all humility and you will certainly find an open ear. For humility of heart results in the human being speaking to his father like a child, that his prayer is not a demand but a request which I will only gladly grant. As soon as the human being lives a spiritual life in addition to his earthly life, as soon as his thoughts are not exclusively turned towards the world but when the human being constantly reflects on his heavenly father in the midst of the world, he will soon establish the right relationship with Him. He will recognize Me as his God and creator and therefore approach Me in all humility but nevertheless always come to **Me** when earthly or spiritual worries beset him, because he knows that I alone can provide a remedy. And therefore he asks Me in childlike trust and will truly not make a wrong request. A humble person has already taken the path of return to Me, for what kept his soul separated from Me for endless times was pride as part of My adversary, whom it once followed to the depth of.... Hence, every person who still shows a spark of pride within himself is still under My adversary's control, and until he has discarded this characteristic, until he exalts himself towards Me, he will not be able to be accepted by Me either, for thereby he sets up the barrier himself, and he will hardly establish the right relationship of a child towards the father, because this requires humility of heart. And as long as the human being refuses to enter into humility of heart towards Me he will not be able to pray to Me with childlike trust, his prayer will rather be a request prompted by his own feeling of powerlessness to be able to help himself.... And such a prayer is not the right one, it will not reach My ear because the intimate bond between child and father is missing, the intimate relationship which, as it were, forces Me to consider the child according to its request. The acknowledgement of a God and creator can be the result of intellectual thinking which, however, need not be proof that the human being has already given up his inner arrogant attitude towards this 'God and creator' he has recognized. Whereas I am acknowledged as 'father', pride is also overcome there, the human being feels his lowliness towards Me but nevertheless comes to Me because love also dwells in a humble heart, which has thus recognized Me and pushes towards Me. And therefore I can also shower such a child with My grace which it gratefully accepts from My hands and which helps it to always reduce the distance from Me.... It is something significant when the human being has discarded his arrogance, when he himself feels small and yet can receive special consideration from Me. For he has now become My child in truth, which can also soon reach that degree of light which he once possessed. For his prayers will predominantly be for his spiritual well-being, he will certainly also trustingly turn to Me in earthly adversity, yet his spiritual progress is of greater concern to him and he will never stop asking for help to reach his aim

on earth. But only a truly humble person can address such a prayer to Me, because he recognizes his weaknesses and shortcomings.... Yet you must also differentiate between inner humility or outward submissiveness which is of no value to Me and cannot earn you any influx of grace either.... And therefore every person should subject himself to criticism as to how his **inner** thinking and feeling is. And it will only be a blessing for him if he tries to purify himself from every arrogant thought, if he tries to withdraw himself from the power of the one whose arrogance once brought him down....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Dialogue with the Father.... His Word from above....

B.D. No. 7441

October 30th 1959

You must withdraw into solitude if you want to speak to Me.... I merely require you to withdraw from the world and into your closet and then turn your thoughts to Me alone.... so that you mentally detach yourselves from the world and all its requirements, so that you give no room in your heart to anything but Me and so that you approach Me in a childlike manner in order to hear Me and My Words. I want a prayer in spirit and in truth.... which necessitates that you completely detach yourselves from all worldly thoughts, it necessitates listening within, a silent dialogue with your Father and an attentive ear within for what answer your Father might give you. Your words will not remain without reply, if only you listen for it.... if you truly desire a dialogue, so that you address Me and subsequently wait for what I have to say to you in response.... This private dialogue with My child is exceedingly pleasing to Me, after all, the child is opening its heart to Me so that I can provide it with an answer which is intended only for the benefit of its soul. Yet I can never do this in the midst of the world, when the human being is distracted in every way from heartfelt thoughts of his eternal Father.... He can certainly send a quick prayer up to Me even in the midst of the world, and he will be well advised if he tries as often as possible to send a short thought to Me and thereby remains in constant contact with Me.... But a right prayer in spirit and in truth, when he may distinctly receive My Fatherly love, can only take place in the closet of his heart, in silent retreat and the heartfelt devotion of the child to its Father.... Then peace will enter the person's heart and he can hold a heart-to-heart talk with the Father.... and he will never regret spending any spare time in such silent dialogue, because I very gladly speak with My child and it will draw much benefit for its soul from every conversation.

Detaching himself from the world will often be difficult for a person, My adversary will hinder him from doing so in every possible way, time and again he will try to disturb or prevent it.... But the human being's will should be stronger and resist My adversary.... Then the person will receive strength and be able to accomplish his intention: to unite with Me in heartfelt prayer and to hear the Father's Words. Only an intimate bond like this will enable you humans to hear My Word from above through a fellow human being.... only a union in spirit and in truth makes it possible for My spirit to pour itself into an opened vessel.... And therefore, great blessings rest in this beginning, this intention of becoming receptive to Me and of allowing My flow of grace to pour into oneself. For countless souls participate in the transmission of My Word which also desire to hear the Father's voice and with heartfelt longing are waiting to be addressed by the Father.... You should all withdraw into solitude and listen.... And you may truly hear your Father's voice, it will sound to you like pleasing music, for that which comes from Me can only grant you happiness and blessing, that which comes from Me has to touch your souls like exquisite nourishment for which you long and which you will receive without limitation as soon as you desire it. Send a prayer up in spirit and in truth.... Lift your thoughts to Me and listen. And I will speak to you like a father speaks to his child, and your soul will cheer and rejoice at every Word that comes forth from the mouth of God....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Whoever speaks My name in faith will receive the fullness of My strength and love in his heart. Behold, your body is earthly and everything surrounding you is also earthly in its outer form; but what is within you is, like that which is hidden in the outer form, divine substance, and this feels the input of My strength and experiences it as extremely benevolent. And for that reason you should always regard the spirit within you and disregard all outer appearances. After all, I gave you the form for the maturing of the spirit and will surely know how to maintain it as well. So why do you worry about it?.... Whoever thinks of his soul and concerns himself with its welfare, his body really need not worry about the things it needs.... I gave you everything you can see in creation.... I gave you everything for a purpose.... If you fulfil this purpose you will have in abundance what you require for your body. And if you are anxious, call Me and mention My name with complete faith and you will not suffer earthly hardship.... Whoever trusts in Me completely already lives from My strength and is also master of worldly things because I place all strength into a trusting heart to turn it fully towards Me so that I can take possession of this heart....

Understand this, My child.... All people on earth are allowed to simply voice their requests and they will be granted fulfilment, providing they call Me in their hearts, believe in Me and sincerely love Me.... Because he who loves Me bows to My will, he who believes in Me does not doubt My power and love, and if he calls on Me he confesses his weakness and, like a fearful child, trustingly comes to the Father.... And I can fulfil his prayer, after all, I Am waiting for the call that arises from the valley of earth to Me. However, where one of these requirements is not fulfilled, where love, faith and trusting prayer are missing, the earthly child has yet to pass tests to find the path to Me. You so often want useless things and if I then don't answer your prayer you doubt and don't query the reason; you don't question to what extent you yourselves may be to blame for not finding fulfilment. Behold, when My true children express their requests to Me they also leave it to Me how to deal with their prayer because they always know that I would not let them go without if it was not necessary for the benefit of their soul. Nor do they ask for anything but what their heart dictates.... and are therefore already clearly guided by the spirit within themselves.... Thus the prayer of such a child always meets My approval and consequently will also find fulfilment. And if you feel the need to ask for something that serves the preservation of your earthly body, the Heavenly Father will surely not deny your request. My children are taken care of with much love and are supplied with everything they require whenever their faith tells them to call My name and to confide in Me because 'Whatever you ask the Father in My name will be given to you....'

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Inner retreat.... answer to prayer....

B.D. No. 3507

August 7th 1945

Lift up your eyes to Me, from Whom comes your help.... I remember My own in greatest adversity and grant them My protection. And what I have promised you will be fulfilled to the letter. But My promise is: The father will not leave His child forever if it does not abandon Him. He faithfully leads it by the hand so that it will emerge from all dangers unharmed in body and soul. Therefore, do not become anxious and despondent when hardship grows and threatens to overwhelm you. Let everything take its course and only listen to the voice of your heart so that you will become aware of My nearness and draw comfort and strength from the awareness that you will never be abandoned. Often turn inwards and speak to Me and I will answer you, I will chase away all doubts and anxiety and make you cheerful and confident, for you constantly draw strength and grace from the connection with Me. And you lack this if you are anxious and fearful. If you are able to have a heartfelt conversation with Me you will also have a strong heart, for you will not feel alone but constantly surrounded by My protection. But if you pay too much attention to the world, to the adversity around

you and its effects, My strength cannot flow over to you without resistance and you feel weak. Only the intimate connection with Me makes you strong.... Always speak to Me like children who unreservedly entrust their father with everything that presses them, and like a father I will listen to you and come to your aid. But don't doubt My love and power.... I can help you and I want to help you as soon as you trust Me unconditionally and humbly and childlike ask Me. For I love you from the start, and My power is unlimited and banishes every disaster in an instant if this is My will. And therefore hope and believe, come to Me in every adversity and distress, and don't cease to pray for strength of faith.... Trust Me that I will consider you with utmost fatherly love, that I will hear you if you enter into heartfelt dialogue with Me and desire My grace and strength....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The fulfilment of prayer in firm belief.... 'Father, Your will be done....'

B.D. No. 3927

December 2nd 1946

You can obtain everything from Me, if you only believe in Me firmly and steadfastly.... For if you bear My greater than great love for you in mind you will also know that I will not leave any prayer unanswered. However, firm faith in Me also includes absolute trust in Me, it includes the certainty that I, in My wisdom, also recognise everything that is a blessing for you, and that I will not allow you to be harmed by granting you something that will not be beneficial for you. And this is why a profoundly devout human being will hand himself over to Me unconditionally, he will leave it up to Me what I choose to give to him, he will not demand but humbly present his requests to Me, always making My will most important and commending himself to My love and grace. And I will give to him abundantly; I will never let him go short physically and spiritually, for I will never close My ears to My child's prayer. If, however, I deny you the fulfilment of a request then don't doubt My love anyway, for it is precisely My love which wants to protect you from harm. And you, yourselves, are not always able to recognise the effect of a fulfilled request. Therefore, present your wishes to Me trustingly and leave everything else to Me, and My love will consider you such that your path to Me will run smoothly, so that you will safely reach your goal, so that you will return as My children into the Father's house in order to live a blissful life in eternity. Yet always and forever make use of the strength of prayer, call upon Me in every situation in life, come to Me if you are in difficulty and also think of Me in hours of peace and quiet.

Don't forget Me so that I will not forget you either, and establish contact with Me quite often through heartfelt prayer, and thereby constantly call Me close to you, then strength without measure will flow to you, if you look for Me of your own free will, if your thoughts apply to Me and your heart is urging towards Me. You have to find the way to Me yourselves and therefore enter the bridge which I have established for you from earth to Me.... You have to pray, for in prayer your soul is rising into the spheres of light, in prayer you enter the bridge to Me, in prayer the child steps in front of the Father, it establishes the relationship of a child to its Father, as it is My will. And if I Am called upon as Father when a childlike heart is beating for Me I will answer every beseeching request, for I will not disappoint My children who come to Me in complete trust. And My love will express itself to them, My love will hand out gifts in abundance, My love will take care of the child spiritually and earthly, and it will never ever again have to suffer adversity if its appeal to Me is truly childlike, that is, if it sends its prayer to Me in spirit and in truth.

You all should make use of the grace of prayer, for you are able to achieve everything in firm, living faith in Me and My love.... Yet don't demand and complain or grumble if I seemingly won't grant your prayer, for then My Fatherly love knows that the fulfilment of your prayer will only cause you harm, and in order to protect you from this it will deny itself.... Yet anyone who always submits his will to Mine will never be disappointed, for his is the true prayer which is pleasing to Me if he adds to all his requests 'Father, Your will be done....'

Amen

Request for strength and grace is always granted....

B.D. No. 8148

April 11th 1962

And you can request My grace and strength at any time.... You will never go empty-handed, for I am always willing to give if only you want to receive. And since you are weak as long as you still lack love, which is strength in itself, you must request strength from Me so that you practise love, so that your weakness is overcome and thus you can accomplish works of love. I will never leave a prayer for strength and grace unanswered, for then you will humbly confess your shortcomings to Me and also acknowledge Me Myself as the being Which is perfect, thus also has strength and light in abundance at its disposal and will now give them to you as a gift of grace.... For it is a grace when I bestow strength and light upon you in an unusual way, because you once rejected strength and light of your own free will and will now be bestowed with it again in the form of a gift from Me if only you ask Me for it. No person on earth needs to remain weak and lightless if he turns to Me, Whom he now acknowledges as a source of light and strength through his request.... And truly, his prayer will be heard, for as soon as you have come to the realization that your nature is deficient you will also humbly approach Me and voluntarily return to Me, Whom you once left in arrogance and therefore became weak and darkened in spirit. But I have no pleasure in a flawed being, and I Myself help it to its former perfection as soon as only its will applies to Me again, from Whom it once turned away.... But as long as you are still dominated by My adversary, whom you once followed into the abyss in free will, the feeling of weakness will not yet prevail in you either, but you will still be of an arrogant spirit and not break off the relationship with My adversary in order to turn to Me.... And as long as you do not come to Me in prayer that I may fill you with strength and grace, for My adversary keeps you from establishing contact with Me and calling upon Me in spirit and in truth. And therefore I also know how to value a prayer for strength and grace, I know that you thereby confess yourselves to Me, that you return to Me as repentant children and that you appeal to Me to be accepted as children again by the father Who loves you.... But then I will not let any call fall on My ear, I will give to you so abundantly that you will now walk the path full of strength and light which will certainly lead to the goal, to Me, for My grace will draw you and you will gladly let yourselves be drawn, you will no longer resist Me, you will make use of all graces and evaluate them.... And you become enlightened because My strength of grace is also expressed by the fact that love ignites in you which gives you the light you once lost. A prayer for grace and strength which comes from the heart is a spiritual request, and every spiritual request is granted. Hence you will also lose all weakness and be allowed to receive My flow of strength, and it will enliven the soul and make it capable of successfully completing the work itself.... But the body will also be allowed to participate if I deem this beneficial.... For its weakness shall also often prompt the human being to pray for grace and strength, and truly, I will pour out My grace and give to you without limitation, for I love you and long for your return to Me, which you must accomplish of your own free will. No human being will need to do without My grace and strength.... But no human being will be able to do without it either, for without the granting of My strength of grace he cannot ascend, precisely because he is weak and cannot ascend on his own. But he can always be certain that I will hear and listen to him when this request for strength and grace reaches My ear.... For then you humbly bow down to your father's will; you acknowledge Me and desire Me.... And I will take hold of you and not let go until complete unification with Me has taken place....

Amen

Spiritual dialogue.... presence of God.... doubt - worry....

B.D. No. 4456

October 10th 1948

The clearest answer to your mental questions will not satisfy you if you don't firmly believe that the mental answer is My spirit's working. As long as you doubt this you will not be able to have

inner peace either, because you are constantly tormented by thoughts which require a clear answer from Me. Always feel so intimately united with Me that you are certain of My constant participation in your life, then you will also be able to believe that I live with you and know your every adversity and worry. You must acquire this awareness of My participation and constant presence, then your life will also be easy, then you will be filled with the feeling of togetherness which fills you with strength, then you will always know in Me the strong companion Who helps you over all obstacles, Who guides you and guards your every step, Who will not leave you unprotected against any enemy attack, Who is always with you because He loves you. Only gain faith in My love.... What you entrust to Me in thought, in the adversity of your heart, will not go unheard by My ears, and if you listen quietly and attentively within, you will also hear My answer in thought: only believe that I speak to you through your thoughts and therefore do not reject them.... After heartfelt prayer to Me My spirit's answer is active, which gives you the inner conviction to be right, for if you implore Me I will not remain silent because you should believe that I will help you. You are still weak in faith in Me and My love and therefore live in restlessness, in fear and worry and in a feeling of loneliness. Yet believe that I am with you, believe that My love applies to you and that I will never ever leave you, and let this awareness of My presence become so strong in you that you therefore fear nothing that approaches you from outside. For I want to give you peace of mind which, however, can only make you happy in the feeling of togetherness with Me. You are never alone, and My word is the visible sign of My presence.... How can you, who receive My word, doubt My presence? And what else but doubts about it are your fear and worry, which are invalid if you firmly and convincingly believe that I am with you and help you in every adversity and distress of body and soul? And therefore you will be able to do without any other help if it is denied to you by your fellow human beings. You will never turn to Me in vain, and therefore always come to Me when you are weary and burdened.... My love is always ready to help you if only you request My help, if you pray to Me in spirit and in truth and believe.... for I will never let a strong faith go to waste....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Request for the divine spirit....

B.D. No. 5979

June 17th 1954

You stand in the strength of the spirit as soon as you desire Me and My spirit, for this desire secures the influx of My strength for you, because every **spiritual** request is fulfilled, because this is the confession of your own weakness and humble submission to your God and father of eternity. Once you rejected this strength and thereby fell into darkness.... you lost all knowledge, you could no longer distinguish truth from error, you turned away from Me and became devoid of strength and light.... you voluntarily separated yourselves from Me, you did not acknowledge Me as the source of strength and therefore also lost all strength. Your request for the strength of the spirit, for enlightenment, for knowledge completely overrides your previous will of resistance.... you have decided to return, you turn your eyes towards Me again, you long for the bond with Me which you once voluntarily destroyed.... So you **ask** for what you once spurned.... And **this** request will always be granted to you.... it is, after all, My constant plan of salvation to put you back into a state where you can work in My will, permeated by light and strength.... Thus no human being will ask in vain if he is serious about recognizing what is right and appeals to Me Myself to grant him My spirit. This earnest desire will not remain unfulfilled.... but it must be serious.... it must arise from the heart, it must not merely be voiced with the mouth as an empty form of prayer which does not reach My ears, because I am a true spirit Who wants to be called upon in spirit and in truth. The earnest request to be permeated by the strength of My spirit presupposes a profound desire for truth, and the human being recognizes that he can only find this truth with Me and with My help.... And therefore it simultaneously signifies recognition.... faith in a supremely perfect being. Only a **profoundly devout** person can make an earnest appeal for the divine spirit, a person who does not deny the existence of a deity or he would not call upon it. And I don't disappoint this faith either, and I reveal Myself to him by him receiving

evidence of the granting of his request.... I reveal Myself to him and he becomes aware of My presence. And now he no longer departs from Me eternally, the power of My spirit has worked on him, the return has been accomplished, the former defence, the sin of apostasy from Me, has been voluntarily discarded, it was recognized and found forgiveness.... for desiring and receiving the strength of the spirit also means recognition and redemption through Jesus Christ at the same time, Who only created the possibility through His sacrifice on the cross that the divine spirit could fill a person.... that the human being could direct his will upwards in the first place.... that his desire is therefore turned towards God and the truth. And anyone who earnestly desires the truth cannot reject Jesus Christ either; through Jesus' blood he has, as it were, already become free from My adversary's bondage, he fled from darkness and seeks the light, which he will now certainly find through the power of the spirit.... through My working in and on him....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Calling upon the 'Holy Spirit'....

B.D. No. 8674

November 15th 1963

You humans often call the 'Holy Spirit' that it may come upon you, and you are unaware of the fact that it is within you and only requires your free will so as to be able to speak to you.... The spirit is part of Me, it is inseparably connected with the Father-Spirit.... thus it is a divine spark which was added to your soul when it incarnated on this earth as a human being, in other words: you once emerged from Me as an emanation of love and therefore consist of the same fundamental substance as I Myself.... This substance solidified after your past apostasy from Me and you, who once had been full of life, became lifeless beings. For My strength of love permeated you and this strength was only able to be constantly active. However, since you rejected My strength of love it also left you incapable of any kind of activity. And you are still in this weak state when you enter the earth as a human being. In order that you will be able to accomplish the task given to you in your earthly life I radiate a spark of My eternal strength of love into every human heart, which thus is My share again.... You are alive with the once emanated strength and that means that you are in possession of vitality, that you can be active in an **earthly** way and therefore also comply with your task as a human being.... Your real task, however, is and remains your spiritualisation, the retransformation of your nature into its original state. And you can only accomplish this task if you change yourselves into love.... In order to be **able** to do that a spark of love has to be radiated into you first, since you, due to your past apostasy from Me, are completely without love. **This spark of love** is the emanation of Me Myself.... it is the emanation of **My spirit** into your soul which, however, only awakens you humans into life if you apply your will.... You all possess the spiritual spark, which is part of Me Myself, within you.... Hence it need not come to you anymore, it is inside of you but can only manifest itself if, through a life of love, you provide the possibility for it, because it will not impose itself and influence you **against** your will in any way.... Therefore you can at all times awaken the spirit in you but you will not be compelled to it.

When you pray for the Holy Spirit to come to you, you demonstrate your lack of knowledge regarding the right correlations, furthermore, you prove that you have a false concept of it, because you personify it to a certain extent and call upon it as an entity.... It is, however, My 'emanation', for I Myself Am the Holy Spirit of eternity, and I Am present to anyone who calls upon Me. However, you must never think that the spirit you call upon is separate from Me, and it will and cannot comply with your call as long as you do not shape yourselves into love, for even if My strength of love is unlimited it will never be able to radiate into a closed heart, and a heart remains unreceptive as long as it is **unwilling** to love.... since precisely due to the spiritual spark or spark of love it received from Me it is **capable** of loving.... Willingness to love, however, prompts the spirit to reveal itself to you, even if you don't call upon it expressly.... It is within you but will remain silent as long as you disregard love, because it is love itself and therefore can only speak to love. It is inseparably connected to the eternal Father-Spirit, and therefore enables 'My spirit'.... or the divine fire of love.... to flow into you humans

in abundance and thus cause the spiritual spark to continuously educate you from within; for then divine light of love must also illuminate your hearts and that signifies brightest realisation, it signifies the receiving of knowledge which corresponds to the truth, because My spirit knows everything and can therefore only impart the pure truth to you. Therefore you can only ever pray that I Myself may be present to you, but this also requires you to shape yourselves to love, otherwise the Eternal Love cannot be present to you. You can therefore only pray to be granted the strength to fulfil My commandments, then you will always become aware of My presence, for with every work of love you draw Me close to you because **I Am Love Itself**.... And then I will also work through My spirit in you, as I have promised you....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Help from light beings only in the will of God.... Calling 'saints'....

B.D. No. 5914

March 26th 1954

You are directly in contact with the kingdom to which you entrust yourselves in My name. Your will to reach Me entitles all beings of light to join you for your protection, because they only ever carry out My will and because they know that it is My will to help you spiritually and earthly. To carry out My will is their bliss, for love for Me and for all beings which are still imperfect constantly impels them into activity. But they will never do anything of their own accord because they have completely entered into My will and also know the laws of eternal order, so that an intervention against My will would only have to result in harm for these beings. Everything that is in the light, that is perfect, carries My divine will within itself and **can** therefore never act on its own authority **against** My will. For this reason the beings, thus also the people on earth, must first try to make themselves inclined towards My will before the beings of the world of light can assist them in any way.... and therefore people **first** have to seek contact with **Me** in order to then also be able to experience the help of the spiritual world, of the beings of light which are fed by Me with strength and light, for once I have accepted it also embraces every being of light with its love and promotes its perfection. Therefore, anyone who knows that he is united with Me through prayer and actions of love also knows that he is protected by these beings and can also recommend himself to them.... he can want to be surrounded only by inhabitants of the kingdom of light and that they prevent the entry of impure beings, he can consciously place himself into those spheres of light through his will, for **I** will always be the origin of every thought and also the aim. For then he will only ask the beings of light for help on the path to **Me**.... And this help will be granted to him all too gladly. Yet the help provided by these beings is completely misjudged when they are called upon as intercessors before Me.... if people don't approach Me themselves.... if they believe to gain My affection through protection.... if they don't first establish the relationship of a child with its father, yet expect help from those beings for which they don't approach Me Myself.... As long as My will to help cannot be recognized by the beings of light that it applies to you, this will is not in them either and all calls for help are in vain, for these My servants do not carry out anything **against** My will.... And you must first strive to gain My will, thus you may not bypass **Me Myself**, only then will My messengers of light become active as they recognize it in themselves as being wanted by Me.... A person who sincerely strives towards Me is also constantly in contact with the world of light, and he will move just as freely in the spiritual sphere as among his fellow human beings.... He will always be in contact with the beings of light, he will be surrounded by them on My behalf, and thus they will also influence him on My behalf because they perceive everything they do as being instructed by Me. A being of light **cannot** carry out anything other than My will or it would not be a being of **light**, for the abundance of light is only the result of its complete devotion to Me and its entry into My eternal order, which is why there is also complete agreement between Me and those beings.... but this must not lead to the conclusion that **they** are always beings of light which people imagine themselves to be. For this reason the appeal to **certain** beings for help is associated with a certain danger.... that beings will also be called which do not dwell as beings of light in the kingdom of light. For you humans cannot judge, you have to leave the

assessment of the degree of maturity to Me.... And thus you will now also have a clear answer to the question as to whether the call of 'saints' is expedient and in My will.... Entrust yourselves fully to the beings of light if you have intimately united yourselves with Me and believe that they are now concerned about you in My will and will help you.... But don't call upon those whom human judgement has stamped as 'saints' and whose degree of maturity cannot be tested by you humans, because I alone know who has reached the degree of perfection that he can now be permeated by Me with light and strength and is now active in My kingdom according to My will.... Desire the light and it will approach you and fill you with its strength....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Calling upon beings of light after prayer to God....

B.D. No. 7655

July 25th 1960

In your contact with the spiritual world only your attitude towards Me determines whether your soul will derive benefit from it. For good and evil forces fight for your will wanting to exercise their influence over you, and you alone decide which forces will be allowed to approach you. The crucial factor is your direction of will, which always has to aim towards Me, if the beings of light working on My behalf are to be permitted to protect and instruct you.

Your constant bond with Me assures you their protection and care, and their influence on your souls will always be favourable and promote your souls development. For even these beings, which are full of love, are not permitted to influence you against your will although evil forces are also unable to do so.... this is why you are always protected from their activity when you closely unite with Me, when you appeal to Me for protection and help. Then I will be able to instruct My beings of light to watch over you, and then you will truly be safe. For the love of these beings is immense and they will do everything for you as soon as they see that your will applies to Me.

Hence you can always consider yourselves carried by their love as long as you uphold your bond with Me, which thus allows their unrestricted activity. And you can mentally connect with them as well; you can present your problems to them and request their protection, which they will very gladly grant to you. You should entrust yourselves to all **good** spiritual beings and keep all wicked spirits at bay. For that reason you may also ask the good forces for protection against evil forces, and they will form a barrier around you and deny entry to the latter. But you are surrounded by spiritual forces at all times, by those which mean well and those who try to harm you.... and also by spiritual beings which anticipate your help, which are weak and uninformed and feel attracted by your proximity, because they see your light and strive towards it, since they lack light themselves.

And in that case you should also ask the good forces for their support to teach and guide them, and to protect them from the advances of evil forces which try to influence these beings too.... You should only ever want to act virtuously and righteously and request help to do so, be it in earthly or spiritual difficulties, for beings of light are always ready to help those on My behalf who want to be My Own and make intimate contact with Me in prayer. Hence you can constantly send your thoughts into the spiritual kingdom, and you will always receive a reply from there, which you mentally accept and are thus also able to speak of a 'life in and with God'....

Just don't exclude Me from your thoughts. For I want to be your beginning and your end, you shall begin and end your daily activities with Me, and then all angels will truly look after you, they will support you with advice and practical help, for they love Me and are also full of love for you.... and therefore they will only ever accomplish My will. However, you can make this very will of Mine inclined towards you at any time, and you will then lead a blissful life on earth, for then you will be living under My constant protection, since you will be safeguarded by all My angels on your path of life and they will protect you from all forces intending to cause you harm....

Amen

In My name you should ask the father....

B.D. No. 5925

April 9th 1954

In My name you should ask the father, so that you may find your requests answered.... These were My words which I spoke to men while I still walked on earth.... Now how are these words to be understood in order to be heeded by you?.... I taught and lived on earth as the man Jesus, Who was in such intimate contact with the father that He completely entered into His will, that the father Himself spoke from Him, that He guided His thoughts and actions, that He only carried out what was the father's most holy will.... So He was also able to speak the words: Whatever you shall ask the father in My name, that He will give you.... For it was not the man Jesus who spoke, but the father Who was in Him.... No being could behold Me Myself, for I am a spirit Who is incomprehensible to all beings which came forth from Me, the father-spirit. For anyone who wants to behold Me would have to absorb the whole universe, the spiritual and the material world, into himself.... he would therefore have to be greater than Me in order to be able to grasp Me in My infinity, in My unsurpassable abundance of light and strength. This is not possible for any being created by Me, since it is an emanation of Myself, a **spark** of light, which would never be able to imagine the eternal light, the primary source of all strength, as something limited, something visible to it.... Yet the eternal light and the source of all strength was able to make a form serviceable to Himself and manifest Himself in this form in order to be visible to the beings which desired to behold Him.... And this manifestation took place in the man Jesus, Who fulfilled the necessary conditions for it.... Thus My eternally unfathomable spirit embodied Itself in Him, and thus I became human.... Jesus became God.... For only the external form was human, but that which fulfilled this form was God.... You therefore call upon God when you call upon Jesus Christ.... Understand rightly, if you ask the father for something in My name.... if you call on **God** in Jesus Christ.... then you acknowledge Me Myself or also.... you acknowledge Jesus Christ, you believe in My incarnation in Him, you confess Me because you confess Jesus Christ.... My name has become the name of your God for you, and now you can also hope in fullest faith that your prayer will be answered, for I Myself have given you the assurance that you will not ask in vain if you call upon the father **in Me**, in **Jesus Christ**.... As the human being Jesus I knew about the attainment of My aim, I knew about My mission, the crowning of which was complete deification, so that eternal love Itself could take abode in Me.... I knew about the complete fusion of My body and My soul with the spirit of love from eternity.... This is why I was already able to give you this assurance on earth that you will be answered if your prayers are directed towards eternal love in My name, for you thereby declare that you believe in Me, that I Myself as Jesus Christ have redeemed you from eternal death.... and I will truly not let your faith be put to shame....

Amen

Fight against the enemy of souls.... call upon Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. 5037

January 9th 1951

You will always remain victorious in the battle against evil if you call upon Jesus Christ for help. He knows the enemy of souls, who also confronted Himself as an enemy when He walked on earth and who determined people to crucify Him. He knows him and knows his treachery, his cunning and violence and his power, which he abuses to push you humans away from God and to alienate you from Him. He knows him and therefore presents Himself to him for battle as soon as you call upon Him for help. You are in constant danger, for he lies in wait for you and tries to harm you, he knows who strives towards God and especially tries to bring him down by wanting to deceive him with a mask, by pretending to be pious and yet being full of satanic thoughts. Jesus Christ, however, exposes his shameful game and gives clear power of knowledge to the one who entrusts himself to Him. No call to Him goes unheard, and no enemy is too powerful for Him to take action against him. He compels all and emerges victorious. Therefore you need not fear the enemy of your souls, no matter

what he wants to do against you, for as soon as you call upon Jesus Christ for help, for His assistance, he will leave you of his own accord because he knows and fears the power of the divine name. But anyone who trusts in his own strength and does not believe he needs Christ's help is left to his own devices and has to take up the battle against satan himself. And he will be defeated, for a weak person is no match for his strength, which he also received from God and which he now uses in a completely wrong way. Jesus Christ always helpfully stands by you humans, yet you must come to Him and appeal to Him for His love and grace, you must believe in Him that He is a strong conqueror of satan, that He is therefore able to help you; and the help will not fail to arrive, He will deny the enemy of souls access to you as soon as you want to pay homage to Him, as soon as you hand yourselves over to Him that He may help you. For everything is subject to His power and He also controls the spiritual kingdom of evil, thus the forces of darkness have no power over you who call upon the divine redeemer Jesus Christ for protection against evil. Commend yourselves to His protection and His grace, and He will watch over you....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Call daily upon the name of Jesus....

B.D. No. 7129

May 24th 1958

With Me and in My name you shall start every day, deal with every undertaking and thus fulfil your daily tasks, and you can also be certain that your work will be blessed, be it earthly or spiritual activity. But as soon as you walk alone, that is, without having asked for My assistance, you will do a lot of pointless work, you will have to struggle with difficulties or it will not always be successful. Just a heartfelt thought of Me will already assure My assistance, and if you consciously call upon Me for My blessing and support then everything will turn out just right by itself, and you will be able to calmly carry out your day's work. You should always know that you are besieged by dark forces which are able to access you if you fail to surround yourselves with a protective wall by calling upon My name, by appealing to Me for blessing your work. And once they have gained access to you it will be far more difficult to repel them again than it would be if you had refused access to them from the start. For they weaken you will, which can only catch up with what it had neglected to do by summoning all its strength: by calling to Me for help.

The battle for your souls is constantly fought, and your victory is often made difficult by these dark forces, but this is frequently up to yourselves, because you can request unlimited strength and should always do this through heartfelt prayer for My guidance, My protection and My blessing.... This is why you should never start your daily work without Me, you should call My name in your heart, appeal for reinforcement of your will and completely hand yourselves over to Me.... Then I can protect you from your souls' enemy, then you will be surrounded by countless beings of light who will refuse to admit him, then you will cheerfully and free of worry carry out your daily work in the awareness of strength and inner peace. And then nothing will be able to upset you anymore because you know that I Am always present and arrange everything.

The inner bond with Me is the best guarantee for bringing all your plans to fruition, be they earthly or spiritual affairs, for then I Myself can always influence you and your thoughts and direct your actions such as is right and beneficial for you. Yet as soon as you isolate yourselves from Me, as soon as you loosen the connection, different thoughts transmitted by My adversary will begin to dominate you and deprive you of your inner calm, they will worry you and leave you open to bad forces which will continue the work of inner disintegration and discord, so that even your daily work will not be blessed and your soul will be at risk of being captured by him.

And again, you can only release yourselves from this danger if you take refuge in Me, for I Am ready to help you in your spiritual difficulty at all times. But without Me you cannot free yourselves from him and his influence, without Me you are too weak and therefore at his mercy. However, you can avoid all such pressures if you hand yourselves over to Me and My protection time and again, if

you always appeal for My blessing, if you commend your physical and spiritual wellbeing to Me and never neglect to call upon My name.... and thereby openly acknowledge Me in Jesus Christ.... Then you will be erecting a wall which My adversary will not be able to pull down, for he will take flight from Me and My name, and thus he will also let go of you if you just faithfully speak My name in every adversity and danger....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The strength of Jesus' name

B.D. No. 7191

October 19th 1958

You need only voice My name with profound faith and you will experience its strength, you will be aware of My presence and find help when you are in trouble. But how often does the world still stand between you and Me, how often is its influence still so strong that you are barely able to detach yourselves from it in order to turn to Me with all your heart, to take the leap from the earthly into the spiritual kingdom, so to speak I Am not realistic to you as yet, but nevertheless I can only manifestly help you if you wholeheartedly give yourselves to Me, if you take refuge in My heart and voice My name as being utterly present to Me. You can feel this presence of Mine in your heart, but then you will never ask in vain, your request will have been granted and the strength of My name will have taken effect there and then, and you will know what it means to call upon Me with complete faith You will understand what unquestionable faith means. And regardless of how much the world besieges you, you will always be able to make such heartfelt contact with Me that it will isolate you from the world, that My strength can flow to you. You need not be afraid that I will leave you without help as long as you always turn your eyes to Me, as long as you simply want to belong to Me. This innermost wish is the decisive factor in order for Me to draw you up and never let go of you again. But you also need to struggle, for you shall grow and develop, you shall not come to a halt and get tired and half- hearted in your striving, and therefore you shall call like children to the Father time and again, and the more heartfelt your call is, the sooner it will be granted, and you will experience the strength of My name I want to possess you completely but you must come to Me of your own free will, because I only possess the child's love when it hands itself over to Me and faithfully voices My name as that of its God and Father of eternity.

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Call of Jesus Christ.... serious address of God....

B.D. No. 7472

December 6th 1959

All of you will return to your father's house and one day be unspeakably blessed.... But you will determine the time of your return yourselves.... And therefore I speak to you again and again, and I try to encourage you to do everything that you shape yourselves so far in this earthly life that you can be accepted into the kingdom of light, because without light there is no beatitude and the return into the father's house is synonymous with utmost beatitude in light and strength and freedom. You can considerably shorten the time of return, but you can also endlessly prolong it again, and I want to prevent that. That is why I speak to you again and again and make you aware of the great misery and torment of your decline, I contrast it with the glories of My kingdom and only thereby want to motivate you to strive for My kingdom with all seriousness and eagerness, for one day you will realize what it means to still have to live endless times in bondage, in adversity and torment, on this earth, but where it is also possible to attain light and freedom with good will. Don't be indifferent and don't live out your days as if you were destined for a never-ending earthly life.... Remember that you only have a short time left which is nevertheless sufficient to free you from bondage, which is fully sufficient to pave your way into the father's house and to rush into the arms of the one in Whom alone you can be blissfully happy.... And use this short time for your salvation.... Do not postpone

what you should do soon, for you do not know what time is still granted to you on earth.... This is a time of grace of utmost importance, for it can suffice to lead you to beatitude, but your free will has to strive for this. The period of time you are still granted is only very short and yet it can suffice for the complete spiritualization of your soul.... But the time of your renewed battle is immeasurably long when you completely fail and you will be bound again in the creations of the new earth. Again and again I would like to admonish you to remember that it is an unheard-of grace that you are still allowed to live in order to shape and form yourselves into beings which correspond to My image, and that you are also able to do this with My support.... But you must want to be free and direct your steps to the cross, to Jesus Christ, Who will truly help you to reach your aim. This alone determines your return into the father's house, that you call upon Jesus Christ for help, for on your own you are unable to direct your steps towards the right aim. But He will help you, and your earthly life will not be an idle one if only you call upon Him, because then you will recognize Me Myself in Him and thus establish the connection with Me which is necessary in order to reach your aim.... And every day can bring about this change of nature, because you will immediately be provided with strength if you faithfully turn to Jesus Christ, Who only awaits your call in order to lovingly consider you, Who will always convey strength to you if only you sincerely desire it. Remember that you can be rid of your external form in a short time in order to then be eternally blissfully happy in freedom and light.... but that you can also remain eternally in bondage if you use your will wrongly, if you fail in this earthly life and indifferently only pay attention to worldly things but don't think of your soul which is in great need.... For sooner than you think the end is here.... For each of you the hour will come unexpectedly, because no-one knows when it is determined by My will. And therefore everyone should seriously endeavour to live such that the call of life can come for him at any time, everyone should live such that he has established the bond with Jesus Christ and can receive strength from Me for his earthly life and the shaping of his soul, Who will now be acknowledged by Me Myself in Jesus Christ when the human being calls to the one in Whom I embodied Myself, to Jesus, with Whom I united Myself, with Whom I became one, Who was only the shell in which I could shelter Myself in order to redeem you humans.... I was in Him and He was in Me.... and whoever recognizes and acknowledges Him also acknowledges Me, and after his death he will return to Me in his father's house....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Call upon God's help is indispensable in the last days....

B.D. No. 3703

March 3rd 1946

Henceforth you shall always have to request My help in earthly as well as in spiritual hardship if you don't want to succumb in your struggle for existence. Admittedly, you can also emerge victoriously without appealing for My help, but in that case you are already under the influence of My adversary who is giving you strength to overcome but claims your souls in exchange for payment. To be fortified by this strength in future will cause you immense damage since you will lose yourselves in the kingdom of darkness for an eternity, you will trade this short time of strength with an eternity of weakness during which you will have to suffer enormously due to your failure not to have asked for My help. The approaching time is only endurable with My support, with My contribution of strength and thus without danger for your souls. And yet it is up to you whether you want to call upon Me. The severe hardship should prompt you but I Myself won't compel you to do so, by way of hardship I only want to encourage you to contact Me, since otherwise I cannot transmit strength to you. Life will be difficult and painful for each and everyone who does not carry Me in his heart....

But you will find relief when you turn to Me for help. My love shall help you endure, it helps every person who faithfully trusts in Me, because the severe hardship has to affect humanity for its own sake, as the last resort to win them over to Me and My kingdom. I want to make their hearts receptive to My Word, and thus the severe hardship will still accomplish My aim, namely that they hunger for a Word of comfort, for an explanation of their adversity, and that they then seriously consider My Word in their hearts and with good will can recognise Me. For there are many misguided souls who have

missed the right path, who shall be led back by My Word, which reveals to them the truth in its fullness. Although the suffering will also close many hearts to My Word and they cannot be opened by force, but blessed be the one who endures without approaching My adversary for help in terms of unkindness towards other people and bad thoughts and speech, because he will be apparently helped by him and provided with all manner of support to win him over completely. Don't try to improve your earthly life with renewed unkindness, accept your fate patiently and humbly, and come to Me.... I shall always help you if only you request My help, if only you find the way to Me and humbly bow before Me and entrust yourselves to My mercy.

I will never send a sincerely pleading person away without help, you all have to acquire this trust if the severe hardship is to be endurable for you. You can always be certain of My loving care when you deliver yourselves to Me, when you acknowledge Me and thus do not exclude Me from your thoughts.... But anyone who fails to do so is in dire psychological difficulty which only his own will can lessen. Time is short and shall become ever more apparent as the end time because Satan works visibly, he impels human beings into actions of most blatant cruelty, which always results in earthly hardship and suffering, and he poisons people's thoughts where he does not meet resistance with a will that is turned towards Me. And human beings should beware because now the last test of earthly life needs to be won; they should open their eyes to the signs of the time, to the conduct of human beings who are clearly ruled from below, and also observe the work from above.... they should listen to My Word's messengers who can give comprehensive clarification about meaning and purpose of the final severe hardship and about the eternal plan of Salvation, which has to take its course as it is destined and My wisdom has deemed appropriate since eternity.... They should pay heed to their warnings and reminders, and the arduous time will pass by everyone durably who is of good will and calls upon Me in need....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Prayer for poor souls....

B.D. No. 3974

February 12th 1947

Do not forget those who have crossed over into the beyond in distress of soul. For they need your help. They are too weak to be able to help themselves and are eternally grateful to you if you assist them and give them strength through your prayer. Love must be the reason for this prayer, love for the weak, the unredeemed, which you do not want to let suffer, for which you want to reduce suffering as far as it is within your power. If you could take a look into the kingdom of the unredeemed souls on earth, deep compassion would fill your heart and your will to help would be stimulated if only a spark of love glows within you. For their fate is an unspeakably sad one which, even if self-inflicted, impels every compassionate soul to help. In frightening darkness they dwell, according to the degree of their imperfection, and their surroundings, if they are dimly able to recognize them, are barren and unfriendly, and yet they themselves are too weak to leave the place where they dwell and create a better state for themselves, and therefore their hardship is excessive because everything causes them agony. And you can reduce their torment by taking care of the poor souls in prayer, by trying to imagine their great hardship with compassion and remembering them in heartfelt prayer.... by further reciting the gospel to them in spirit, i.e. by trying to make the blessing of love clear to them and presenting love as the only means of solution. As soon as you succeed in igniting the spark of love in a poor soul it will be saved for eternity, for then it will be able to receive strength directly from the kingdom of light, the inhabitants of which are likewise busy working on those souls but can only take action when a small desire for light and a spark of love can be recognized in the soul and when love is expressed in such a way that it wants to help the suffering souls. Then strength will be supplied to it in increased measure and now the ascent in the spiritual kingdom will begin. But never ever should you leave the souls to their fate, for only love redeems, and only a loving attitude towards them can provide them with relief from their suffering. And therefore your prayer must come from the heart, it must not just be a lip prayer, but love for the weak, helpless

must impel you to sincerely appeal to God for mercy and help for these souls, you yourselves must be driven by the feeling to ease their fate and you must often turn your thoughts towards them, who already feel this as a relief and sense every loving prayer as a grant of strength. Do not forget these souls, for they need you and will be eternally grateful to you if you have helped them from the depths to the heights, from the night of their surroundings into the light....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The strength of prayer....

B.D. No. 8607

September 5th 1963

You should test the strength of prayer far more often in order to recognise your Father's love increasingly more, for I will always give you what you ask of Me in firm faith, and when you find out that I hear you and that My love gives to you according to your faith, you will feel ever more closely connected to Me. You should always know that prayer is the bridge to reach Me, for in prayer you establish the bond with Me and My strength of love can take effect in you. By praying to Me you acknowledge Me as your God and Creator Who **can** grant your prayer because He has the power to do so and, as Father, also **wants** to grant your prayer because He loves you. However, it must be a prayer in spirit and in truth, for your lips can also voice words in the form of a prayer which cannot reach My ear because they do not arise to Me from the bottom of your heart. So many thoughts move you every day, you have so many wishes, some greater and some smaller ones, and you would only ever have to present them to Me, and truly, I would take care of even the smallest matter if you appeal to Me for it, then you would become progressively more aware of My presence and your life on earth would be much easier. Time and again **I** want to be in your thoughts, everything you do you should have something to do with Me and you should be in constant contact with Me through prayer.... Never cease praying.... This does not refer to the constant formal prayers which will only ever be voiced by your mouth but never come forth from your heart.... Yet you should seek My advice in everything you think and do, then you will lead a way of life according to My will, always being guided by Me and motivated into every action, which will then also be right. As Father I want your absolute trust in My love and power.... My love will never deny itself, yet you must desire it yourselves, which a true prayer in humility testifies to. And even if you start every undertaking with just a thought of Me, or a request you present to Me, I always want to prove My presence to you by getting involved with everything, for this heartfelt bond results in an abundance of strength and is also the successful test of will, because you are continuously urged towards Me, thus you seek unification with Me which you once broke off. You can achieve much with your prayer, for yourselves as well as for all those on whose behalf you intercede. Your prayer is a source of strength for yourselves and for your fellow human beings which will never run dry, for you shall pray 'incessantly'.... Hence, there are no limitations for you, and since every contact with Me assures you an influx of strength, you need not fear a cessation of strength.... for you will join Me ever more closely until you can no longer imagine a life without Me. I want to be your beginning and your end, no day shall pass by when you will not come to Me in prayer and appeal for My blessing.... And truly, your earthly progress will lead you to the goal, to complete union with Me. Use the strength of prayer, enter the bridge to Me as often as possible for you, never keep Me out of your thoughts, present all your requests to Me, regardless of how small, for I want to prove to you that I know all your thoughts, problems and wishes by always intervening and guiding you out of all adversity, by being your constant companion, for even the slightest thought will draw Me to you and My love will flow to you, which will always help you to progress. And anyone who is in constant contact with Me will not be scared by what is happening in the world either, he is staying in My sphere, for although he still lives in the midst of the world, his soul has completely detached itself from the world, because it is always looking for Me, because My presence means more to it than all the possessions in the world....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna