

PRAYER, WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT DOES

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649191185

Prayer, what it is and what it does by Samuel McComb

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

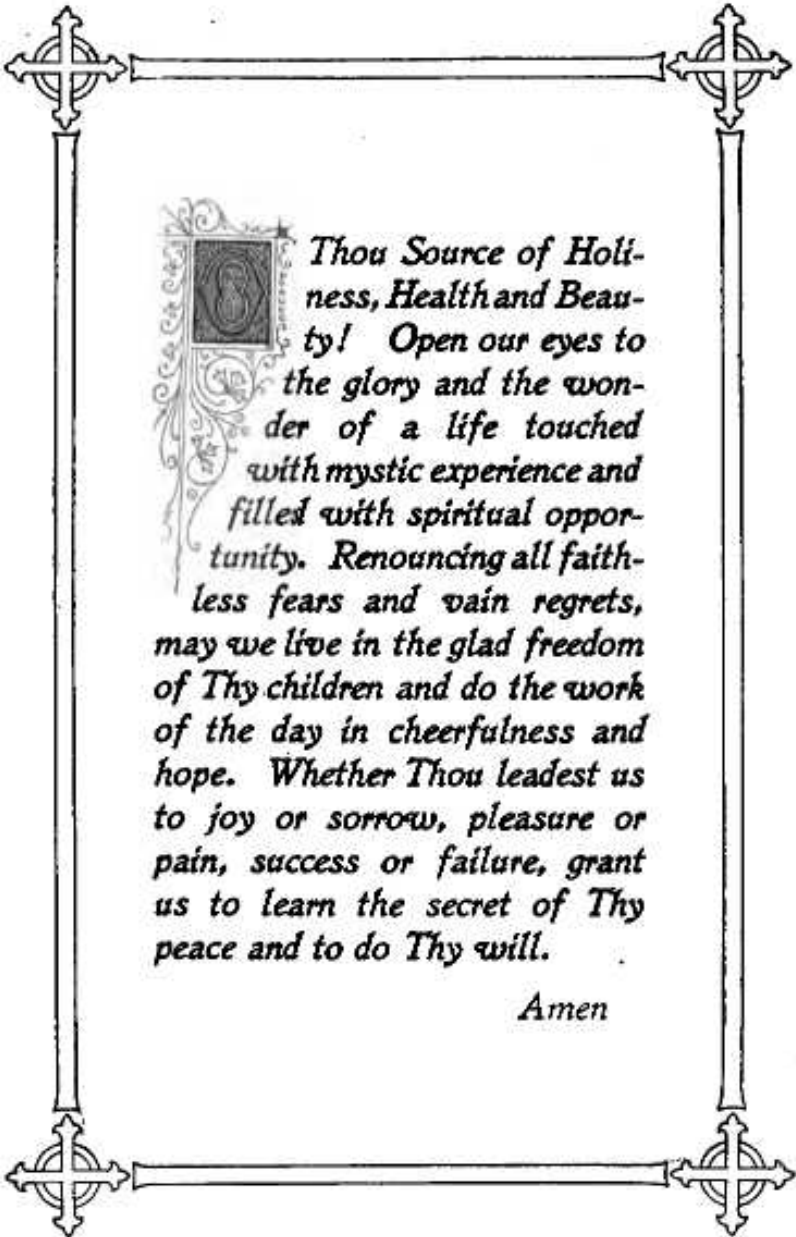
This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

SAMUEL MCCOMB

**PRAYER, WHAT IT IS
AND WHAT IT DOES**

Prayer



Thou Source of Holiness, Health and Beauty! Open our eyes to the glory and the wonder of a life touched with mystic experience and filled with spiritual opportunity. Renouncing all faithless fears and vain regrets, may we live in the glad freedom of Thy children and do the work of the day in cheerfulness and hope. Whether Thou leadest us to joy or sorrow, pleasure or pain, success or failure, grant us to learn the secret of Thy peace and to do Thy will.

Amen

Pra^{yer}
wha^t it is
and
wha^t it does

by

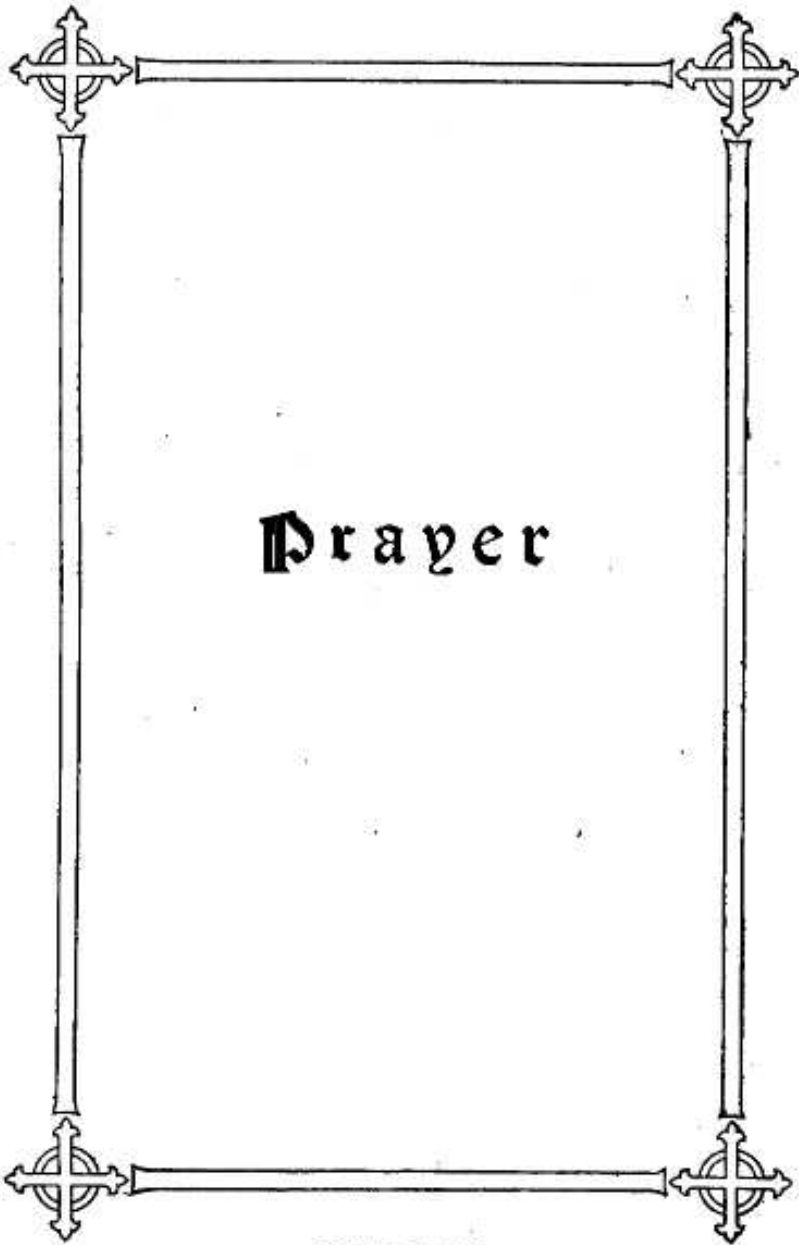
The Rev. Samuel McComb, D.D.

14



Harper & Brothers, Publishers
New York and London

oaa



Prayer

615979

** Not to be used*

Rev. J. P. ...

Prayer

WE live to-day in a world in which the signs of a returning spiritual springtide are all about us. Within and without the confines of organized Christianity the interests of the spiritual life are coming to their own. Our reigning philosophies are idealistic. *Religion demands to be applied more and more to life, to the enlargement and the ennoblement of man. In this reaction against the deadening materialism of the past generation the problem of prayer is coming to the front, and once more challenges the powers of faith and thought. In England the Estab-

*1000000
Better with a revised Bible*

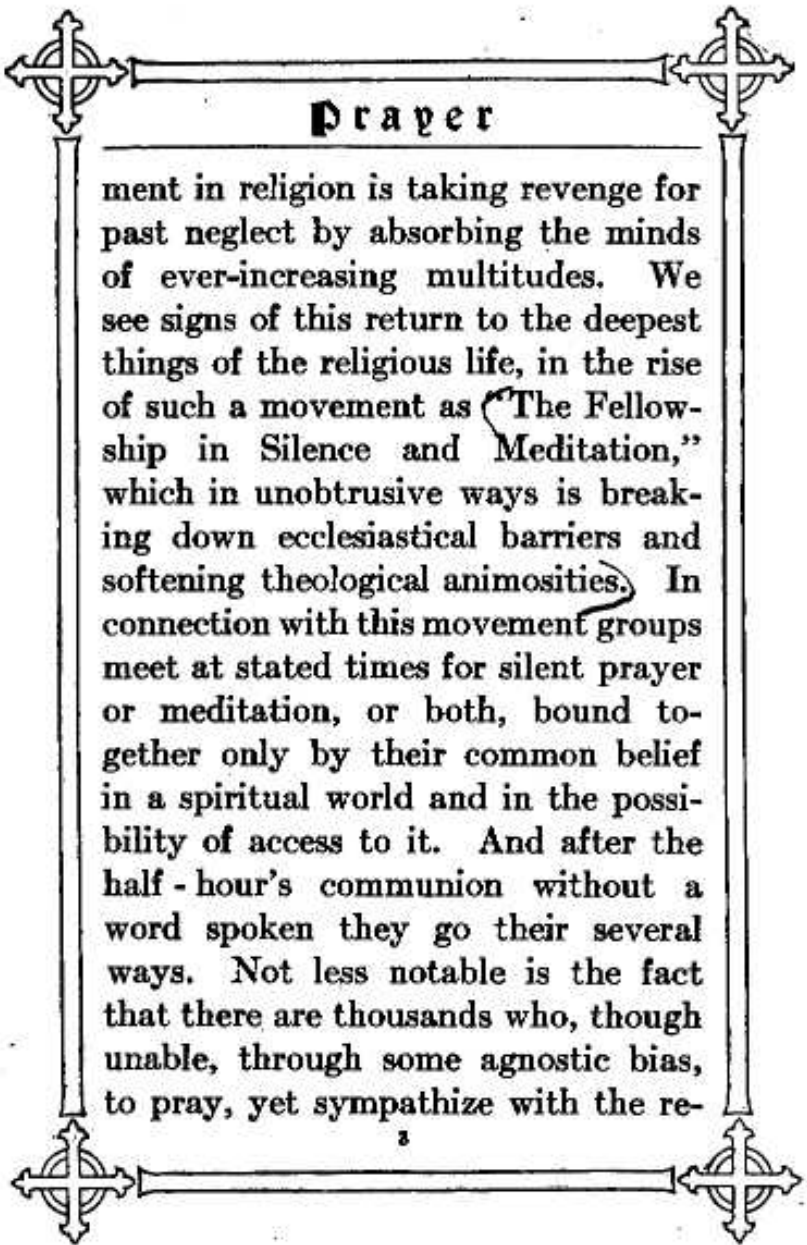
Prayer

lished Church is calling for a revised prayer-book which will represent the esthetic and sociological aspirations as well as the newer religious insights of the age. Throughout English-speaking Christendom, in churches of the liturgical type, there are gatherings for informal prayer, as a supplement to the regular services, and among church-going people there is a demand for books of prayers which may help those to whom the art of self-expression does not come easily. But still more striking and still more significant is the fact that thousands who are out of sympathy with the churches are feeling the influence of the revived belief in prayer.

¶ We are witnessing, for example, the rise of mystical and therapeutic cults in which prayer plays a prominent rôle. The mystical ele-

X

*... the prayer book is a matter
to be considered*



Prayer

ment in religion is taking revenge for past neglect by absorbing the minds of ever-increasing multitudes. We see signs of this return to the deepest things of the religious life, in the rise of such a movement as "The Fellowship in Silence and Meditation," which in unobtrusive ways is breaking down ecclesiastical barriers and softening theological animosities. In connection with this movement groups meet at stated times for silent prayer or meditation, or both, bound together only by their common belief in a spiritual world and in the possibility of access to it. And after the half-hour's communion without a word spoken they go their several ways. Not less notable is the fact that there are thousands who, though unable, through some agnostic bias, to pray, yet sympathize with the re-