

The
Ladder of
Prayer
from
"The Song of Prayer"



Heaven

"...prayer becomes again
what it was meant to be
...now it rises as a song of thanks
to your Creator,
sung without words
or thoughts or vain desires..."

Level #4

"The prayer for enemies becomes a prayer
for your own freedom...now it has become holy...
Before it can become holy, prayer becomes a choice...
You can but choose for yourself.
Pray truly for your enemies,
for herein lies your own salvation."

Level #3

"...a higher form of asking-out-of-need...
the asking may be addressed to God in honest belief."
Still involving a sense of guilt and
a "vague and unstable sense" of who you are.
"Praying for one's enemies" comes at this level.

Level #2

"Everyone prays without ceasing...Prayer has no beginning and no end. It is a part of life."
Without God:
"...prayer is merely wanting, out of a sense of scarcity and lack...
and always involve feelings of weakness and inadequacy..."

Level #1