

JUNE 1-7

A prayer of St. Augustine (A.D. 354-430)

Grant me, even me, my dearest Lord,
to know Thee, and love Thee, and rejoice in Thee.
And, if I cannot do these perfectly in this life,
let me at least advance to higher degrees every day,
till I can come to do them in perfection.
Let the knowledge of Thee increase in me here,
that it may be full hereafter.
Let the love of Thee grow every day more and more here,
that it may be perfect hereafter;
that my joy may be great in itself, and full in Thee.
I know, O God, that Thou art a God of truth,
O make good Thy gracious promises to me,
that my joy may be full. Amen.

JUNE 8-14

A Prayer of Catherine of Siena (A.D. 1347-1380)

Dear Lord:
It seems You are so madly in love with Your creatures
that You could not live without us.
So You created us; and then,
when we turned away from You, You redeemed us.
Yet You are God, and so have no need of us.
Your greatness is made no greater by our creation;
Your power is made no stronger by our redemption.
You have no duty to care for us, no debt to repay us.
It is love, and love alone, that moves You. Amen.

JUNE 15-21

A Prayer of St. Augustine (A.D. 354-430)

Look upon us, O Lord,
and let all the darkness of our souls
vanish before the beams of Thy brightness.
Fill us with holy love,
and open to us the treasures of Thy wisdom.
All our desire is known unto Thee,
therefore perfect what Thou hast begun,
and what Thy Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer.
We seek Thy face, turn Thy face unto us and show us Thy glory.
Then shall our longing be satisfied,
and our peace shall be perfect. Amen.

JUNE 22-31

A Prayer of Elizabeth Bassett, from "Love Is My Meaning"

My God, I desire to love Thee perfectly,
with all my heart which Thou madest for Thyself,
with all my mind, which only Thou canst satisfy,
with all my soul, which feign would soar to Thee,
with all my strength, my feeble strength,
 which shrinks before so great a task
 and yet can choose naught else but spend itself in loving Thee.
Claim Thou my heart, fill Thou my mind,
uplift my soul and reinforce my strength,
that when I fail, Thou mayest succeed in me
and make me love Thee perfectly. Amen.