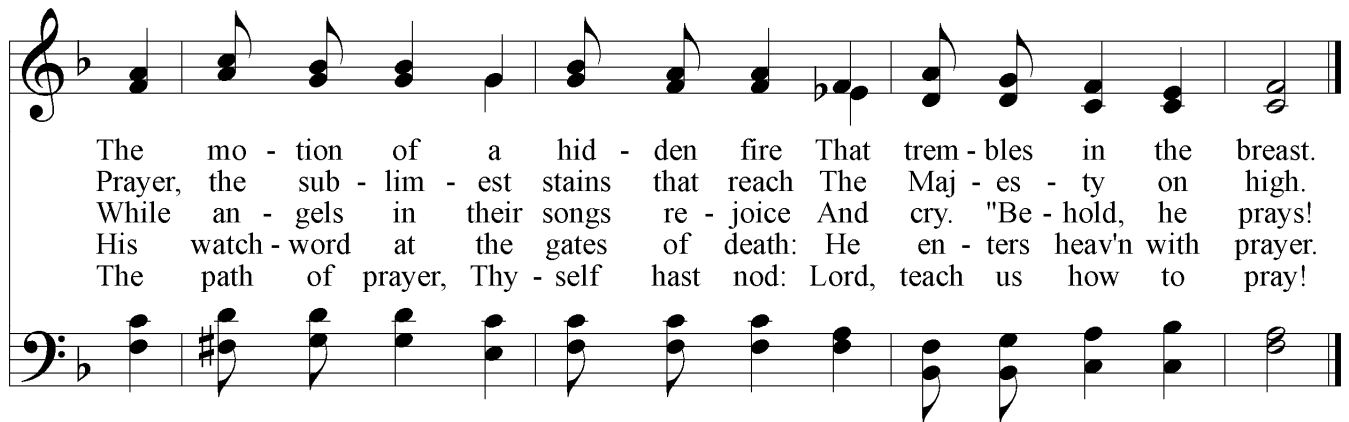


Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire



1. Prayer is the soul's sin - cere de - sire, Un - ut - tered or ex - pressed;
2. Prayer is the sim - plest form of speech That in - fant lips can try;
3. Prayer is the con - trite sin - ner's voice, Re - turn - ing from his ways;
4. Prayer is the Chris - tian's vi - tal breath, The Chris - tian's na - tive air,
5. O Thou, by whom we come to God, The Life, the Truth, the Way,



The mo - tion of a hid - den fire That trem - bles in the breast.
Prayer, the sub - lim - est stains that reach The Maj - es - ty on high.
While an - gels in their songs re - joice And cry. "Be - hold, he prays!
His watch - word at the gates of death: He en - ters heav'n with prayer.
The path of prayer, Thy - self hast nod: Lord, teach us how to pray!

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Music: traditional American Melody, Arr. by Robert G. McCutchan