

may be entirely passive under His Hand, that He may mould them and twist them as He will. But if this moulding can be accomplished only through suffering, let us pray that He may do it that way. If we have done wrong let us pray Him to show us our wrong. Let us pray Him to purge it from us. Let us cast from us whatever is contrary to His Will. But let us pray that when we are too obstinate or too self-willed to give up what we should not do, that He in His love will use the fires of chastisement to bring us to the place where He wants us. May we so live that it will be unnecessary for Him to send us the chastisements. But if we are so living that we need them and do not realise it, let us pray that He will send them. This is the prayer of faith. This prayer has the power to move mountains. Through this prayer the sick can be healed, when it is His Will that they should be healed. The prayer that thinks it can compel God to cure sickness or to do anything simply because we desire it, or because we think it is best has more the element of magic than of true faith. Let us have faith in God.

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