

In the beginning of my journey prayer was about asking something from Him... Yet, slowly I realised that although this was good, through prayer He was also asking something from me...

Things changed radically when He showed me that prayer was a process through which I was pulled inwardly towards Him. During this process I pursued Him for an answer, while He was pulling me to get a hold of something in my heart.

I realised that prayer was a transactional process of surrendering to His will, which ultimately concludes in a union of will, mind and heart. It is a process of 'giving my heart away bit by bit'.

In this place prayer becomes almost silent. For prayer is now a state of being one with the Lord in will, desire and heart. At this point I believe that faith is complete. From this point prayer is more a conversation. It is a conversation about His will on the one hand, and a trust that He will take care of all 'my issues' on the other hand.

Yet, this kind of prayer is fully dependent upon a surrendered heart. A heart that is fully convinced that the Lord is in all, with all and sustains all.

Oh how we long to live fully surrendered, in order for prayer to become a place of union and a place of united action with the Lord.

Most of our struggle in prayer is against or about His will versus our own. And it is painfully true that although we long to be one with Him, our own self battles this process of union.

To pray is to ultimately seek a surrendered heart. Once the heart is surrendered, prayer exists in the union with His purpose.