

Rosicrucian Insights

Twelve Stages of Faith or “Soul Consciousness”



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In *Mailander's Path According to Franz Hartmann* from *Alois Mailander, A Rosicrucian Remembered* it describes the “twelve stages of faith or soul consciousness” This is my Opening Prayer in the prayer cycle for the twelve stages of faith.



Opening Prayer for the Twelve Stages of Faith

*My God, King of kings and Lord of lords, help me to grow in awareness so that I might experience the different states of soul consciousness that lead one to self-realization. Allow my mind to touch upon each of these states of awareness as twelve distinct stages of faith that hold the golden keys that are required for soul growth. Therefore, let me use Your own Words, so that I may ask you to teach me the ways to empower the faith You have so graciously given us, so that at each level of soul consciousness or stage of faith we may then develop a greater knowledge of You, My God. In the twelve stages of faith ...Your Light is sown as the seed of righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. (**The Seed:** Psalm 97:11) Trusting in You I will do good and dwell in Your land to feed upon Your faithfulness. (**Nourishment:** Psalm 37:3) Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I believe in Your commandments. (**Knowledge:** Psalm 119:66) Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean and then wash me so I shall be whiter than snow. (**Purification:** Psalm 51:7) I look unto You, and I am radiant: never hiding my feelings from You and at no time ashamed. (**Transfiguration:** Psalm 34:5) I will behold Your face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Your likeness. (**The Mystical Death:** Psalm 17:15) Truly there is a reward for the righteous: You certainly are a God that judges here on earth. (**Justice:** Psalm 58:11) For You desire truth in my innermost being: and in secret You make wisdom known to me (**Consecration, Initiation, or Sanctification:** Psalm 51:6) Therefore, create in me a renewed heart, God, and awaken Your steadfast Spirit within me. (**Rebirth:** Psalm 51:10) Open my eyes, that I may behold the good and wondrous things that come out of Your law. (**Spiritual Vision:** Psalm 119:18) And let me behold, how good it is for brothers to always dwell together in harmony and unity! (**Harmony or Unity:** Psalm 133:1) Summon me now, as You are blameless with only true Words: perfect in Your way: let us become One. (**God, that is, Perfect:** Psalm 18:30) Ultimately, I wish only the to know and understand the true self of our Oneness, for "I seek nothing, and want nothing, and desire to possess and know nothing, in heaven or on earth, but Christ crucified in me." Amen.*

My Prayer based on Alois Mailander, *A Rosicrucian Remember*, Samuel Robinson, p 279-284 (Twelve Stages of Faith or Soul Consciousness)



Prayer for the First Stage of Faith

The Seed



My Faithful God and Savior, Your seed is sown in my heart and as it grows it speaks to me as the Word of Your kingdom. You created our hearts as the fertile soil to plant the seed of Your Son, the Spirit of Life, so that we could gain the knowledge and grace needed to renew our souls. From the small yet powerful Spirit spark we place our faith in, the Christ-within enters our mind and begins to generate our intuitive feelings to help direct our lives, and reveal Your will so that we may become purified and live in peace and harmony in our new living relationship with You, my Father. Allow me at present as a believer to receive the Holy Spirit so that from Your seed I might have a new nature that experiences God in all things, receives Your further revelations, and realizes that the divine self-knowledge You have empowered me with will be the source of my spiritual advancement. Therefore, accept my praise and thanksgiving for the seeded life of Christ You have allowed to germinate within my receptive heart as my first stage of soul consciousness. Amen.

My Prayer based on Alois Mailander, *A Rosicrucian Remember*, Samuel Robinson, p 279 (Twelve Stages of Faith or Soul Consciousness)

Prayer for the Second Stage of Faith

Nourishment

Holy and Righteous Father, Your perpetual source of divine illumination nourishes the earth You created with Your light giving energy so that we may joyfully bask in Your divine glory. Your heavenly Spirit is reflected throughout the universe so that Your presence and beauty eventually become visible in the kingdom that You have placed deep within our searching hearts. Your waves of vital energy in the spring awaken the seeds from the frozen soil that bring us new life so we can partake of Your transforming bread and wine so as to be forgiven of our wrong doings. We are fortunate that each year that You send Your cosmic impulses to save us, as we cannot live by our previous bounty and we must learn to trust in new harvests to nourish us and invigorate our spiritual inspirations. Therefore, my radiant Savior, encourage my seeking heart to open and expand so that it calls Your sacred name so You can reveal Yourself through your nourishing presence. For I will now on spend time delighting in Your Word, obeying Your commands, and celebrating Your holiness with others so that I will never hunger or thirst and always be energized to fulfill You will. Amen.

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Prayer for the Third Stage of Faith

Knowledge

My God of Wisdom Who dwells in My Heart, allow us to come to know You as a father knows his son, so that we may become as You are. We have put our deep trust in You and all You represent by learning Your divine character through Your Holy Word. For then Your Word will work within and through our souls and we may come to understand that You have amply provided us with all we need to live a life of purity and righteousness in which we can offer mercy and charity to our fellow man. We start our quest for knowledge by fearing You, my Lord, fearing the judgement that awaits us if we do not repent and the unimaginable pain and suffering, we would feel if we were to be separated from You. Therefore, I beseech You to furnish the experiences through which we can acquire knowledge that is both basic and direct and knowledge that requires that we construct it by making inferences or through our reasoning. While there are also times that the knowledge and skills You wish us to have You will communicate through our one and only intermediary, Your Son, Christ Jesus. We know that the only way to show the obedience you request of us is to bring our talents and gifts to life so that we can come to know and understand You from Your divine perspective that opens us to the truth enabling us to become God-men. For then You allow us to enter and experience the grandeur of Your mind so that we may recognize ourselves within You and thereby die to ourself so that we might live as One with You. Amen

My Prayer based on Alois Mailander, *A Rosicrucian Remember*, Samuel Robinson, p 279-280 (Twelve Stages of Faith or Soul Consciousness)



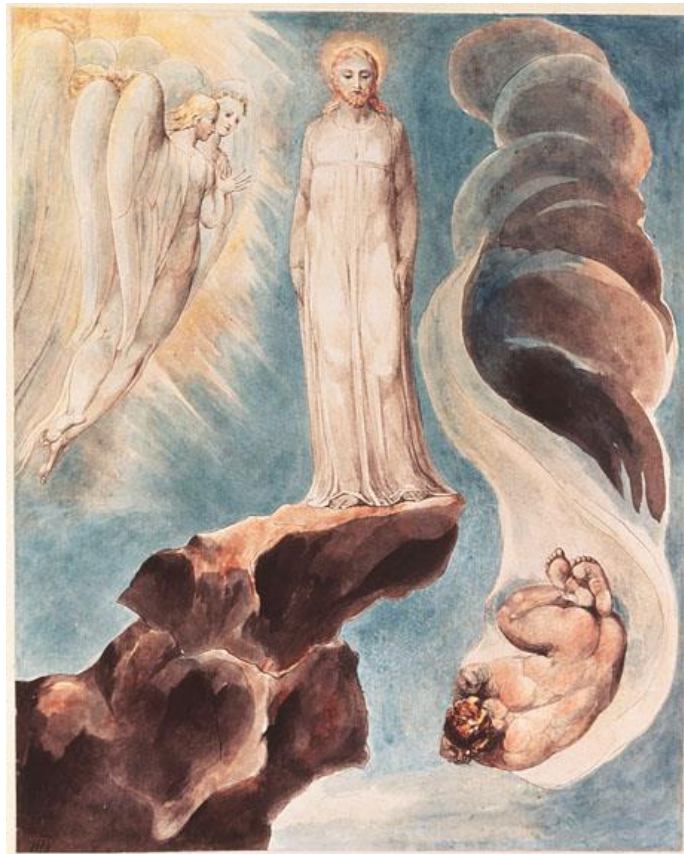
Prayer for the Fourth Stage of Faith

Purification

O My Lord, Founder and Perfecter of Our Faith, place Your purifying fires within my aching breast so Your love will inflame my soul and radiate outwards through my astral body to glow brightly through the extremities of my physical body. Feed my inner fires with the burning coals of Your Spirit of Truth so that Your divine light will shine with the needed intensity to allow us to see beyond the earthly world of our material desires and passions that will simply decay with time.

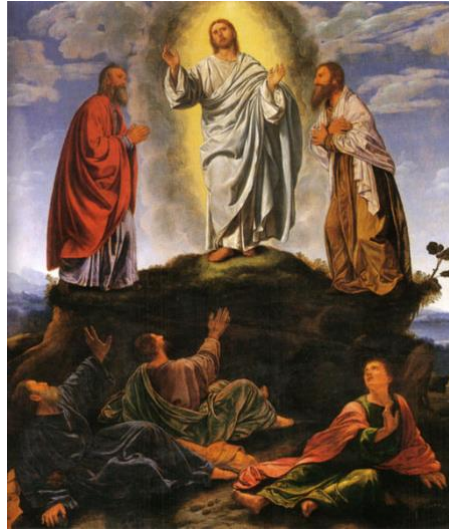
Therefore, we ask your assistance in strengthening our will so that the purification from our self-delusion will become complete and we can stand in the sacred light of our true self. In Your mercy, teach us to control the images of our lives that we bring into our minds so that we can learn to focus our concentration on a single highly advanced personality that will allow us separate our lower ethers from our higher ethers so that we can travel out of spiritual darkness to the seat of Your heavenly throne to learn from Your Words. As our Savior, guide us in our purification so that we might remove the multiple false lives we have created within ourselves so we can restore our one true higher self. For with a pure mind and refined vehicles, we can walk in Your spiritual light to fulfill Your will in our Higher Body. Amen.

My Prayer based on Alois Mailander, *A Rosicrucian Remember*, Samuel Robinson, p 280-281 (Twelve Stages of Faith or Soul Consciousness)



Prayer for the Fifth Stage of Faith

Transfiguration



O God, My Father of Eternal Life and Light, provider of all experiences that will shape my expressed personality and how I will live my life, I humbly request that You provide me with the spiritual experiences that will best transform my heart, empower my faith, and change who I believe myself to be at my very core. Lift the veil from my eyes so I might see the bridge to Your spiritual realm so I will now understand who You intend me to be and help me to realize that You have already begun my transformation as the Holy Spirit works within me to shape Your likeness and close the gap to our blessed union. I pray that You will allow me to suffer with You as I carry Your cross of righteousness, knowing that it is Your light I am carrying, a brilliant light that powerfully extends forward to attract my fellow man. Let me climb the mountain beyond my previous efforts so that I might gaze upon Your greatness and hear Your holy words so I too might be transfigured as You were on Mt. Tabor. For when I stand in Your light, I am strong enough to accept the precious light offering of Your love so that it penetrates me and will enfold my inner being so that I can not only see You, my God, but join with You, and become part of Your beauty and splendor. Although I am just a mirror of Your light, allow me through my thoughts, prayers, and penance to fully absorb Your solar energy with all of its grace and liberating forces so I will on my own also shine outwardly as a light upon the world. With You as my guiding light, enlighten my shadowed way so that as I slowly and steadily take on Your divine nature and I will have the privilege to transfigure within You so that I will be prepared to die within myself and be reborn so that I can better serve and love my fellow man. I understand my path must have times of darkness, but I will trust in You my Lord to be with me in the darkness, purifying my body and freeing me from my worldly desires and fulling my mind with peace and calm. For by blessing me with transfiguration, my heart will grow and directs itself towards the love of humanity.

My Prayer based on Alois Mailander, *A Rosicrucian Remember*, Samuel Robinson, p 281-282 (Twelve Stages of Faith or Soul Consciousness)

Prayer for the Sixth Stage of Faith

The Mystical Death



My Father of Eternal Life, Our True Light, know that I only seek You and to be with You in Your secret place within the sanctuary of my soul. I have emptied my mind of all thoughts so that now I may only think only of You. In order to die a mystical death, let me be reborn in Your living water and Spirit so my death releases me from all desires and passions. For now, I completely surrender to You and I willingly take my place upon the cross so I may be crucified of my old life with all my selfishness and pride. I beseech you to purify my soul and direct my heart and mind so they are always united with You, my God. For I will never be lukewarm in my obsession to surrender all that is within my soul to You and ensure You that You have my absolute obedience in which there is only Your will. Know that I delight in my efforts to keep my faith, hope and, and love upon You. As I am an empty vessel, my consciousness is free and I am reborn so my new self is ready to come to salvation by Your mercy. Therefore, push me from my self-centeredness when You discover that I have lost my way and I am not focused on the needs and interests of others. By choosing to become as You, a servant and not a master, I accept that the mystical death that I must die continuously in all aspects of my life so eventually I might live a life that is in true fellowship with the Holy Spirit that abides within me. Just as you bore humiliation and persecution throughout Your life, help me to do the same so that in my faith there is only trust that You will always provide for all I need. Then in my humility I can serve the Spirit by both obeying and seeking Your will which is motivated solely from the love of my heart. By the work of Your hands guide me onto a path of humility so that I might die a mystical death within You, so that I might dwell within the emptiness and nothingness of my being no longer controlled by my lower self so that You can manifest within me so that I can live an abundant life within Your divine light knowing that I am now living in heaven in which there is no death. Amen.

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Prayer for the Seventh Stage of Faith

Justice



O Holy and Righteous God, Judge of the Living and the Dead, You have set the standards for justice so there will never be a question of right or wrong. You delight when we balance the scales of justice by conforming to Your laws and showing mercy and compassion to others. In the Spirit of justice, You have asked that we find and love the good in everyone and everything You have put upon the earth. Help me to go beyond my feelings of only punishing wrong doers and find ways to treat all people with the care and dignity while also protecting them from themselves so they might one day find the path to You through their repentance. Open my eyes to see Your throne is built upon righteousness and justice and from this overflow Your grace and love that can take away any offense, pain, or suffering brought about by others if we simply ask it, as You my Lord never withhold justice. Therefore, release my old thought patterns and enlighten me to understand that the justice You seek from us comes from opening ourself to Your wisdom and growing in our understanding of what You represent and stand for and Your own just and merciful ways. Let me work as Your ambassador to my fellow man ensure that justice does not discriminate and not only serves the strong but equally serves and provides opportunities for the poor and weak so that there is harmony within the whole. Expose me My God, who is righteous, judge me always by the truth of my words, my thoughts, and my actions so I too may learn to be righteous and just in my way of life. Lead me to Your peace, for there is never justice without peace for then I can truly walk humbly in the meekness of Your Spirit and find justification within your ever watching presence. Amen

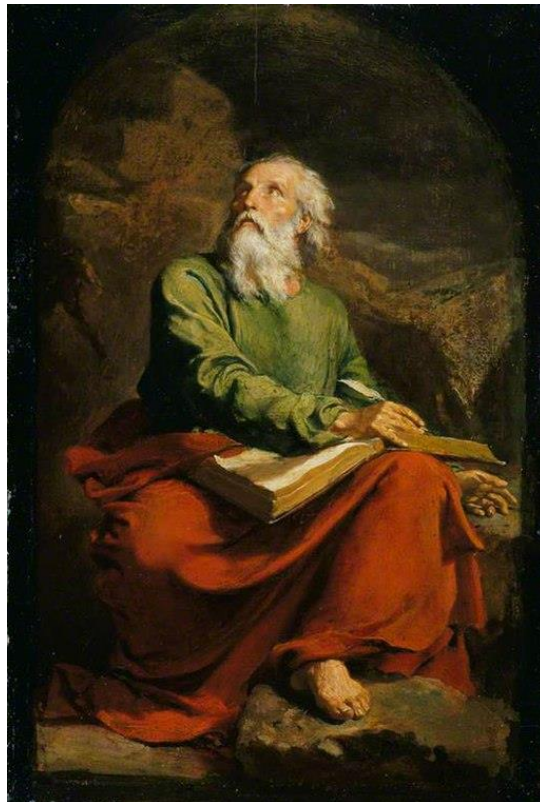
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Prayer for the Eighth Stage of Faith

Consecration, Initiation, or Sanctification

King of Glory, Founder of Salvation, hear in my heart how I love your law so that I might turn from sin and gain control over my sorrowful nature of the flesh and be given new life. Brand me with Your holy mark of a believer so that I may be set aside for Your initiation and I may assume the position of one who comes to You acknowledging Your everlasting life and Your power to deliver us from the sins of immorality. I stand in obedience, stripped naked ready to submit my body, heart, and mind to You my Lord, so that You can commence Your sanctifying work and fill me with the power of Your goodness so together we might come to a perfect relation in time. As this divine power which You diffuse within my body enables me to create a protective enclosure for my soul that can resist all negative influences and forces that might lead me from holiness. Therefore, work in me through the Holy Spirit so that I acquire the needed faith and understand the necessary meaning of the scriptures which free me to do Your will and now serve you most effectively. Humbly, my Lord, I ask that you guide me to holiness so that I may become more as You in Your glorified state. Through Your sanctification may You and my fellow man experience my deep love through my thoughts, words, and actions that bring us together in true fellowship and thanksgiving of our renewed life under Your truth and grace. Then in my complete devotion, I can bear the fruits of the Spirit and step forward in the newness of life as a vehicle of Your divine service that best uses my gifts to walk according to the Spirit. Amen

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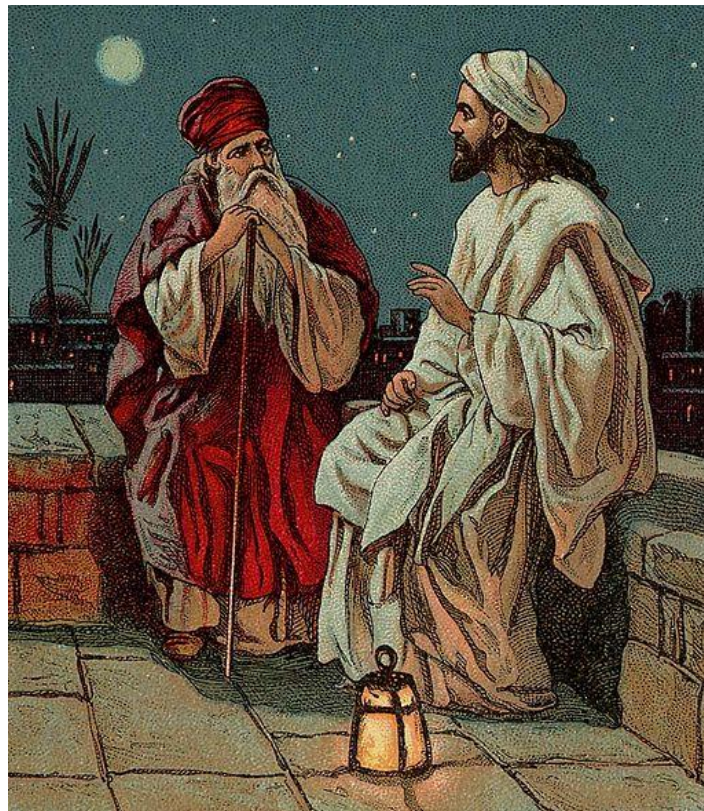


Prayer for the Ninth Stage of Faith

Rebirth

Author of Life, Judge of the Living and the Dead, I call upon the Holy Spirit to penetrate my being so that I might be born from above with a change of heart and a connection to my higher power. Through Your Spirit allow me to put off my old self by placing my Ego on the cross and be born again with a new sense of purpose that releases the past so that I can now accept Your Promise of eternal life. Just as You create new beginnings in nature every spring, allow me also to experience the resurgence of rebirth so I too may put forth spiritual fruits. As I will accept without complaint any physical pain or emotional suffering from the awakening process so I might become completely transformed in my Spirit. In my quest for spiritual fulfillment, I have asked to be born of water so that the Holy Spirit might enter me and shine Your light of regeneration within me and then remain to ensure my salvation and spiritual rebirth so it then might guide me in my new life in God's kingdom. Therefore, my Lord let me be in Christ as a new creation, shedding the old garments of life to wear the new vestments of rebirth as symbols of divine growth and transformation into a heavenly man carrying the seeds of our forthcoming incarnations. Amen

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Prayer for the Tenth Stage of Faith

Spiritual Vision



My Faithful Witness and Prophet of Heavenly Visions, I humbly call upon You to open my eyes of my heart to my spiritual vision so that I might perceive the signs, symbols, and light of Your truth You are sending us from the spiritual realm. Through the new lenses of my spiritual vision allow me to fix my eyes upon the knowledge and wisdom You have set before us so that I may live in accordance with Your will and behold the life-changing truth of Your Words and Spirit. As you have promised those with a pure heart, allow us the joy and reward of seeing Your face knowing that You are alive within us, working all around us, and to experience the magnificence of all eternal realities hidden to our natural sight. Therefore, focus my awareness and turn my eyes so that they are always upon the pure and righteous things of the world, especially Your Word which brings clarity to the mysteries of Your heavenly kingdom. For from Your Word, our Christ-within is nourished so our mind become clear, focused, and accurate in Your teachings and understanding of prophecy. Shine Your spiritual light upon us so that we might summon all of our heavenly senses to reveal Your divine manifestations from the Holy Spirit. With only my two eyes I stand blind in my heart and mind, therefore, my Lord light the seven lamps of the lampstand so they might be my seven eyes of my perfect and complete spiritual vision. Let my spiritual vision gaze deeply within myself so that I can now see who I can be within You for then I will understand that the spiritual vision that I use to see You my Lord is the same vision that you use to look upon me. For then we have the gift of spiritual vision that allows us to see the energy patterns and flows that can be used to either inhibit our perception of Your glory or we can use them to bring us closer to Your presence. With the gift of Your spiritual vision, I fully submit myself so that we can behold each other in a unity that knows only One and One love. Amen

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Prayer for the Eleventh Stage of Faith

Harmony or Union

Our Beginning and End, You are our True Vine to which we must connect to so as to experience inner peace and wholeness. In this divine union of our graft, we will now be able to see a world that is in perfect accord with Your goodness and kindness. A world that has no division or conflict so that we may bridge the Spirit of our Christ-within to You, our almighty Creator, the supreme reality of the universe. By living in harmony with You my Lord, I feel my heart expanding with compassion and empathy for all of my brotherhood as well as all the creatures You have placed upon the Earth. For only when the flow of the Holy Spirit comes within us and guides and directs us are we then inspired to recognize and accept that we ourselves are divine and thereby creators of all the world about ourselves. Only by being in harmony do we come to this self-realization of our own perfection and our place upon the heavenly throne, fully tuned to our Oneness in the Higher Worlds. Therefore, as we stand before Your cross, we ask that you set and keep us on Your path to harmony and unity so we can interconnect ourselves in an inseparable union to the seen and unseen realities of the physical and spiritual worlds, open our hearts to inner peace, and continue on our journey of our self-discovery of our divine self. Amen

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Prayer for the Twelfth Stage of Faith

God, that is, Perfection

O Lord, Our Founder and Perfecter of Our Faith, You alone are perfect and yet in Your mercy and compassion, You work through the Holy Spirit to move our hearts and minds so as to initiate our transformation to become the sacred image of Your beloved Son. Bless me my Father and make me whole and sound in Your ways, endow me with righteousness, and free from any blemishes by Your grace and pardoning of all my sins. For then the truth of Your perfection can then permeate my spiritual soul with Your pure love so that I might now exist in totality as part of the unified field of Your universe. Listen to hear my thanksgiving for my bliss and allowing me to become One within You so that I might fully experience the power of Your resurrection and thereby awaken and connect myself with the entirety of Your creation beyond all boundaries of my mind with infinite possibilities, together as One Perfect God. Amen

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