

# Martin Luther and Prayer





“Now through your mercy implant in our hearts a comforting trust in your fatherly love, and let us experience the sweet and pleasant savour of a childlike certainty that we may joyfully call you Father, knowing and loving you and calling on you in every trouble.”

Martin Luther, *Personal Prayer Book*

*'As is the business of tailors to make clothes  
and cobblers to make shoes, so it is the  
business of Christians to pray.'*

Martin Luther

*'If I fail to spend two hours in prayer each morning, the devil gets the victory through the day. I have so much business I cannot get on without spending three hours daily in prayer.'*

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*'[The Reformation's] beginning was small and almost contemptible; and one man alone, a while, bore the hatred and violence of the whole World.'*

Johann Sleidan, 1555

Let everyone know most assuredly and not doubt that God does not send him this distress to destroy him.... He wants to drive him to pray, to implore, to fight, to exercise his faith, to learn another aspect of God's person than before... Without this experience we could never learn the meaning of faith, the Word, Spirit, grace, sin, death, or the devil.

Martin Luther, *Commentary on Psalm 118*



