

As It Is in Heaven #2

When I was younger, prayer was primarily
telling God what I wanted.

The opening petitions of the Lord's Prayer were only "ought tos."

If reminded of them,

I would force myself to think of a few things for which to thank God,
then hurry into my concerns.

"God, I need this, and this . . . right now!"

My prayers were filled with the same self-centered anxiety that ruled my life.

But as I've gotten older, I've begun to realize that
my daily needs come and go.

God always meets them,
one way or another.

He is so faithful!

What I really need is to start each and every day with
God's perspective.

I need to realign my heart and mind with
Him and
His purposes.

The pressures of the day so easily
knock me out of focus.

The Lord's Prayer provides
a daily refocus,
a tune-up,
a renewed hope and vision.

It's like a morning shower,
natural and refreshing.

In other words, what I really need every day is *Him*.

I need to reorder my life around *Him*,
who He is and
who He is to me.

I need to see again
His complete power,
His unlimited love, and
the beautiful wisdom of His plan for my life and my world.