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“The more vile we are in our own eyes, the more precious Christ will be to us.”

—John Newton

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Grant me more and more to prize the privilege of prayer,
to come to you as a sin-soiled sinner,
to find pardon in you, to converse with you;
to know you in prayer as the path in which my feet tread,
the latch upon the door of my lips;
the light that shines through my eyes,
the music of my ears,
the marrow of my understanding, the strength of my will,
the power of my affection, the sweetness of my memory.

—*The Valley of Vision*

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4. We don't expect God to answer us.

Presenting arguments to God in prayer is an excellent thing

“Study the Scriptures, and study all the arguments whereby holy men have prevailed with God ... to see in what cases those arguments were used. They are of use and force to prevail with God. . . . It is a pitiful thing for Christians to come to God with bare, naked petitions ... and have no reason to press God out of his own Word.”

—Richard Sibbes

Prayer helps the promise bring forth

“Because a woman’s time is come, therefore shall she have no midwife? No! Therefore give her one. He that appointed their return appointed that it should be a fruit of prayer.”

—John Owen