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“The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.”
James 5:16

Many have heard this prayer. It is still a much need prayer.

**A Familiar Prayer (1940)**
(J. G. St. Clair Drake)

**Prayer:** “Oh Lord, we come today knee bowed and body bent before thy throne of grace. We come today, Lord, like empty pitchers before a full fountain, realizing that many who are better by nature than we are by practice, have passed into the great beyond and yet you have allowed us your humble servants to plod along just a few days longer here in this howling wilderness. We thank thee Lord that when we arose this day, our bed was not a cooling board, and our sheet was not a winding shroud. We are not gathered here for form or fashion, but we come in our humble way to serve thee. We thank thee Lord that we are clothed in our right mind. Bless the sick and afflicted. And when we have done prayed our last prayer and sung our last song, and when we are done climbing the rough side of the mountain, when we come down to tread the steep and prickly banks of Jordan, meet us with thy rod and staff and bear us safely over. All these things we ask in Jesus’ name, world without end. **Amen.**

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