

## **Why Should We Continue to Pray for the Divine Love Once We Receive It?**

When we start praying for the Divine Love, It begins to enter our soul and transforming it from divine image into divine substance. Little by little, we start acquiring the divine nature of the Father (2 Pet 1:4), or in Bible terminology, putting on or clothing ourselves with Christ (Rom. 13:14; Gal. 3:27). We become a new self or a new creature (2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 4:21-24; Col. 3:10), and to the extent that our souls receive and possess this Love, we become at-one with God. A soul undergoing this transformation becomes less and less subject to the dominion of the mind and the animal desires. Sin and fear decrease, because Love casts out fear (1 John 4:18). Our soul becomes a part of the Father's Soul, or, as Jesus said, we are in the Father and the Father in us (John 14:10-11; 17:11, 21-26; 1 John 2:24).

However, this transformation is gradual – we don't all at once, when we are first converted and start praying for the Love, receive It in Its fullness and acquire the divine nature (which in its fullness results in the new birth). This is the reason we need to continue praying for the Love. Its transformation of our soul is dependent on the initial condition of our soul when the Love is first received, as well as our subsequent dedication and prayer. There may be times of stagnation and apparent loss, perceived as spiritual ups and downs in our lives. However, if we continue on this path of praying for the Divine Love, transformation is always taking place and this will continue for all eternity.

Constant longing and dedicated prayer for the Love will result in us being conscious of the possession of a part of God's divinity. Despite the trials and temptations of the flesh, we'll experience increased happiness. Others will then be able to perceive presence of the Divine Love in us – even if subconsciously – and realize that it is a thing of reality. We'll be empowered to do God's will and work.

We need to continue praying for the Love in order to grow in It and eventually have our souls transformed to the extent that we'll be able to enter the Celestial Kingdom. There are no limitations to the spheres to which those possessing the Divine Love may progress, and the ever-increasing happiness that they may experience. Even Jesus continues to pray to the Father for an increase of the Divine Love in his soul – even though it may appear that there was no greater amount for him to obtain.

Because it is not initially possible to obtain the Divine Love in Its fullness, but rather it is a gradual process of transformation, we shouldn't allow our soul longings, prayer and effort to decrease, even if we feel an abundant inflowing of the Love. This way we can look forward to unimaginable happiness and fulfillment in the Celestial Heavens (1 Cor. 2:9).

### References:

*Angelic Revelations of Divine Truth*, Volume 2, Chapters 5 and 6