

Love is Prayer, Prayer is Love

Saint Alphonsus Liguori lived in the 18th century and wrote many spiritual books one of which is entitled Love is Prayer, Prayer is Love. Considering the famous Corinthian passage on love, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, and replacing the word love by the word prayer we obtain an enlightening description of prayer.

Prayer is patient,

prayer is kind.

It is not jealous, [prayer] is not pompous,

it is not inflated,

it is not rude,

it does not seek its own interests,

it is not quick-tempered,

it does not brood over injury,

it does not rejoice over wrongdoing

but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things,

believes all things,

hopes all things,

endures all things.

Prayer never fails.

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