

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Tuesday 25th July 2023

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Oxford book of Prayers Bernard Society of Saint Francis

I found this prayer interesting, I think it may be helpful.

(Seeking)

Lord, I want to love you, yet I am not sure.
I want to trust you, yet I am afraid of being taken in.
I know I need you, yet I am ashamed of the need.
I want to pray, yet I am afraid of being a hypocrite.
I need my independence, yet I fear to be alone.
I want to belong, yet I must be myself.
Take me, Lord, yet leave me alone.
Lord, I believe, help thou my unbelief.
O Lord, if you are there, you do understand, don't you?
Give me what I need but leave me free to choose,
Help me work it out my own way, but don't let me despair.
Come unto me, O Lord ---- I want you there.
Lighten my darkness ---- but don't dazzle me.
Help me to see what I need to do and give me strength to do it.
O Lord I believe, help thou my unbelief.

Ed G Appleton
How do you pray?

BIBLE VERSE:

Come near to God and he will come near to you.
- James 4:8