



## *Prayers for Adults on Being Disciples of the Lord*

*O Lord God Jesus Christ, teach us to abide in Your Word, for then we will be Your disciples. And we will know the truth, and the truth will make us free. For nothing is of more importance to a person than to know what the truth is. Amen. (See John 8:31-32 and Arcana Coelestia 794:2.)*

*Lord, You have told us that the life of heaven is made up of the good of love and the truth of faith. And to be Your disciple I must be led by You and not by myself, for all good and truth come from You and not from a person. And what is true of the life of heaven is also true of the life of the church. For the church, like heaven, is within a person. Help me to be Your true disciple, to look to You, and to live from You. Amen. (See New Jerusalem and Its Heavenly Doctrine 246, 281; Arcana Coelestia 10490:6).*

*O Lord God, our Heavenly Father, we beseech You to bestow Your blessing on Your servants, who come before You to confess faith in You and in Your Word. Give us strength and power to keep Your commandments, that we may enter into life, and be evermore conjoined with You in Your heavenly kingdom. Amen.*

*O Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for giving us this wonderful spiritual home, where we find our lives enriched by the study and understanding of Your Word, our spirits uplifted by prayer and praise, and our hearts warmed by the fellowship and unity with others who seek the same spiritual goals we seek. We pray, O Lord, that Your church will grow from strength to strength in both numbers and understanding. Help us to recommit our lives each day, Lord, to fostering Your church both within our hearts and in our contacts with others. May we become ever quicker to serve You in every aspect of our lives, that we may be Your disciples and that Your church may grow in us, and through our words and deed, around us. Amen. (Rev. Andrew M.T. Dibb)*