

BEHOLD A *praying* FATHER

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BEHOLD, A PRAYING FATHER,
ONE AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART,
YOU'LL FIND HIM IN THE SECRET PLACE,
THE ALTAR WHERE HE STARTS.
HE STANDS BEFORE THE LORD HE
SERVES AND KNEELS TO SEEK HIS FACE,
HE KNOWS HE'LL NEED HIS FULL SUPPLY
TO SEIZE THE DAY BY GRACE.

HE CARRIES GREAT AUTHORITY
TO STEWARD THOSE HE LOVES,
BUT KNOWS THE POWER TO HELP THEM
GROW MUST COME FROM GOD ABOVE.
SO RATHER THAN A BOASTING TONE,
HE GOES TO ANY LENGTH,
TO BOAST INSTEAD IN WEAKNESSES,
RECEIVING PERFECT STRENGTH.

BEHOLD, A PRAYING FATHER,
THIS INTERCEDING MAN,
STANDING IN THE GAP TO SEEK
AND SERVE THE FATHER'S PLAN.
IT'S NAMES AND NEEDS HE OFFERS,
AND ANSWERS HE AWAITS,
HE'S SURE HE'LL SEE WHAT'S ASKED FOR,
IN DUE TIME, AND NEVER LATE.

HE KNOWS THAT AS A HUMAN,
HE'LL BE TEMPTED TO RETREAT,
TO TURN AWAY FROM CHALLENGES,
ACCEPTING SURE DEFEAT.
BUT CLOTHED IN HOLY ARMOR,
HE TRUSTS HIS SAVIOR'S MIGHT,
PRAYING WITH ALL CONFIDENCE,
HE STANDS TO FACE THE FIGHT.

BEHOLD A PRAYING FATHER,
HIS CHILDREN, HIS CONCERN,
NOT YIELDING TO PASSIVITY,
HE HELPS HIS PASSION BURN.
A MAN OF WORD AND SPIRIT,
HE FEEDS A HOLY FIRE,
IN FAITH, NOT FEAR, FOR FAMILY,
THEIR CARE HIS DEEP DESIRE.

HE LOOKS AROUND AT OTHER MEN,
WHO DISREGARD THEIR CALL,
HE PRAYS IT'S NOT THE SAME FOR HIM;
HE PRAYS TO RISE, NOT FALL
HE KNOWS THERE'S THOSE WHO
COUNT ON HIM TO BE THERE EVERY DAY,
IT'S FOR THEIR SAKE, HE ASKS FOR
STRENGTH, AND FOR THEIR SAKE HE PRAYS.

BEHOLD A PRAYING FATHER,
A MAN TO BE RESPECTED,
HE DOESN'T DO THE MINIMUM,
BUT MORE THAN WHAT'S EXPECTED.
SO, HONOR HIM AND STAND FOR HIM,
THIS MAN OF FAITH AND POWER,
WE NEED HIM FOR THE FUTURE,
AND FOR THIS PRESENT HOUR.